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talking about what our responsibility as legislators is, what our duty as proper representatives of the people is, how we are to be teachers of the populace, rise above our petty, personal vindictive feelings, now comes the time for me to swallow spit and do the things that I have been saying others ought to do and have been condemning others for not doing. I have to make this motion because it is right, not because I even care about LB 816 or 816A, because it is not going to do anything for me or the people that I represent in terms of the district, but because of what principle is involved and I am telling you, I am being dragged kicking and screaming against my will to do this. So it is not a noble gesture. I don't even know what it is, but nevertheless I am making it. And now that I am making it I am going to tell all of those who voted for this bill that they didn't have to listen to me say this because since the presiding officer ruled that the bill passed, everybody who voted for it was on the prevailing side and could have made the motion that I am making, spared me saying this, spared you listening to it. But I decided that since sometimes I drag other people through the heat, it might be appropriate that I take a little heat myself on the same basis. The motion is up there, you can do with it what you will.

PRESIDENT: All right, speaking to the motion, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Warner, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you respond?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, does this bill, the A bill have anything in it that is in excess of any items or recommendations that were in the budget that the Governor submitted to the Legislature?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Haberman, based...Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Haberman based upon the letter that both Senator DeCamp and I...letters that we received in response to the Attorney General, based on that opinion it would indicate that it does not and that 25 votes are adequate.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So you are saying then that Section 81-137 doesn't apply and it reads: The Governor shall also submit to the Legislature at the same time he submits the budget copies of a tentative bill for all proposed appropriations of the budget clearly itemized and properly classified for the