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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I was approached this morning whether they could put an amendment on by Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay. The understanding was that if there was any problem with the bill that the amendment would be withdrawn.

SENATOR LANDIS: At this point would you regard there as being a substantial question of controversy? (Laughter.)

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: It seems that there is a substantial problem with the amendment, yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: If you had your preference, at this point, given that your bill may have its fate hanging in the balance, would you as soon see that the Lindsay amendment be withdrawn?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Definitely.

SENATOR LANDIS: Would Senator Lindsay respond to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Lindsay, what do you say?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, first of all I guess to clear it up I was approached on this amendment, we'd tried it on another bill. I didn't talk to Stan because Tim had already talked to him about it. As far as pulling the bill, we were deep into it before I heard that. I want to make that clear first. As far as...

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me interrupt a minute. Would you agree that we are at a point of some controversy?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, sure, yeah. It's... (Laughter.)

SENATOR LANDIS: Then perhaps you'd like to renew your light and make your own case. I intend to support the Smith amendment. It's problematical, don't you think, that we invite this to happen to us over and over again by simply not being able to say no, by not convincingly being able to say no to a special interest group who has a lobbyist out there working hard. That's why they win, because they out-wait us, because they changed...wait for a different time, wait for a different body, different feeling. They're very good, no doubt about it. One