

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. President, and our good Clerk. I would just like to ask to move over the three amendments that I have, temporarily move over those, pass over those, and look towards Senator Moore's motion, which may be next on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to indefinitely postpone LB 163. Senator Johnson, as primary introducer, would have the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, I ask to lay it over today.

SPEAKER BARRETT: So be it, the bill is laid over. That will, of course, be the case with LB 163A as well. Proceeding then to LB 543 on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 543, introduced by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year, referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Appropriations Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. In the absence of the Appropriations Committee Chair, Senator Chambers, could you perhaps handle the amendments?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was downstairs listening to the debate on the solid waste bill. Senator Beck, knowing where I was, passed over some amendments and forced me to have to run up here, probably hoping I'd have a heart attack, which I almost did. But, anyway, this bill was rereferred to the Education Committee which held a hearing on it, so it would have been Senator Withem's committee. He and I have discussed it. And I have an amendment which I have offered, it's on the Clerk's desk. And anybody can get a copy whose interested in one. But I can tell you what it does. First of all, the program was put in place last year through a resolution. The money has already been appropriated, and the scholarship is underway. There was not enough time last year to consider the bill, and I feel, and I've discussed it with Senator Withem and others, that it still should be a statutory provision. There