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instructor is, get this, please, Dr. Cathy Conway. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. I understand Senator Conway knows Dr. Conway somewhat. Welcome to the Legislature, we're happy to have you today. Is there someone that is going to handle Senator Schmit's bill of 906? If not, we'll skip that for the time being and go to the next one, LB 907. All right, we'll wait with that and go to LB 1013, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1013 was introduced by Senators Schmit, Elmer and Robak. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Robak, can you handle this, please?

SENATOR ROBAK: Oh, I'm sorry, I don't.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, can you handle that? Oh.

SENATOR HALL: Sure, Mr. President, this bill, as it was introduced by Senator Schmit, provides that the public power district boards can, at their discretion, elect someone other than a member of the board to be the treasurer, and that is simply all the bill does. I would move for its advancement to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have one question of Senator Hall and it is based on something I read about that Groucho Marx said. He had gotten this letterhead from a big law firm and there was a listing of all the lawyers and he said, with that many lawyers, does each one have his own safe? Senator Hall, has something arisen that made it appear that the members may not be trustworthy as far as holding the position of treasurer, or why might it be necessary or desirable to have somebody outside their number?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, it's my understanding from talking to Senator Schmit about this proposal that some of the members, although they are elected, don't have the expertise to deal with the financial data that a power district has, the numbers. Currently they don't have the provision that would