

in many respects it probably is better that it is not even passed, because I suspect that would become the issue, that there is no assurance that that would be how...the manner in which it would be implemented. But the structure is there, the proposal is there. I would suspect that the implementing legislation of LR 239 would not be significantly different. And, without a lot of discussion, I would hope you would adopt this amendment, advance the bill, and then you'll have an opportunity, between now and Tuesday, to read the kind of reaction that you have been getting just on 239, but you can make a comparison as to where the support really is for change, or in fact if there is any support at all, or I should say is there opposition to any change. That's really the issue--is there support for some change, and it's only going to come from this body, or is there opposition to every change, which is the more likely thing that I think you will learn between now and Monday.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Warner amendment to LB 1141. Senator Beck, followed by Senators Elmer, Withem and Landis. Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do want to go as quickly as I can. I guess those of us, the back benchers here, have been studying the rules for some time now, as many maneuvers have been going on. And I ran across something, and I just have a question and it's looking at Senator Warner's amendment. In the event, and I'm looking now on page 40 in the rule book, in G, number G. In the event that a bill has become substantially a new and different bill by reason of the amendments having been adopted, and of course they haven't been, it's just offered it and he wants us to do this and go through the process as quickly as we can, the Speaker may refer the bill...said bill to the Reference Committee, who must refer the said bill to a proper committee for a public hearing, provided that a majority of the elected members may overrule the decision of the Speaker. And as I looked at that, knowing that I need to know more about the rules and understand them, I'm wondering if there is someone who would want to explain why it is not...why this is not new and different and shouldn't be referred to a committee for a public hearing. I'm just asking a question. I want to do it as quickly as I can in deference to Senator Warner. And I