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LB 854

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a priority motion for Senator Chambers to recommit LB 854 to the Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman, this motion is specifically authorized by the rules, specifically authorized by the rules, and it is a priority motion. I am operating within the rules. This bill needs to go back to its source. It needs to return to that place from whence it came. I opposed this bill when it was in committee and I felt it would be a mistake to send it on to the floor, not just because of the kind of debate and the fractious time we would have as a result, but it's not a good bill. It's ill-advised. It's poorly thought out and it should not have seen the light of day from that committee. If it had not been Senator Lindsay's priority bill, there's a good chance it would not have gotten out here. But sometimes, to use Senator Landis's word, the collegiality is carried a step too far, in my opinion, and we agree to do things to help a senator which wind up being detrimental. But since it's out here it has to be dealt with. Now I'm trying to send it back where it came from. We've all seen those movies on television and in the movie houses of these forces that are let loose...

SENATOR McFARLAND: (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're not on yet. You're not on yet.

SENATOR McFARLAND: (inaudible).

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry. Senator McFarland, proceed.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I'm reading Rule 7, Section 3, talking about the priority of motions and it talks about the order of preference and the first one is adjourn, motion for the previous question, then to postpone to a time certain, and then last... then to recommit to a committee. My understanding is that where we're dealing with a bracket motion was to postpone to a time certain and now I don't think this motion to commit to a committee takes precedence over that under our rules.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We haven't disposed of the bracket motion