

interested in seeing a copy of the rewrite of LB 1. Senator Schmit, I have not been privileged to get that as of yet, and I will be very interested to hear the reasons for the amendments to the bills as they are presented tomorrow morning. It will make it easier for me to get up at six o'clock knowing that that is going to be presented the first thing in the morning. With that, I would argue that it is important, our whole system here, the Unicameral system is based on the public hearing. As you all know, we are the only state in the nation that allow for a public hearing on every bill. To deny that, I think, although many of the issues have been heard before, at least one of the bills is the bill that Senator Schmit...virtually the same bill that Senator Schmit introduced a year ago, was heard before the committee. They deserve the opportunity to be heard. They deserve to be debated. They deserve the opportunity to have amendments offered. I think there will be more amendments offered than the ones that Senator Schmit talks about. Those all need full public debate. We will allow for that tomorrow. After that, the committee will deliberate and make a determination as to how they will deal with the bills as they have been presented. We won't do anything any different than we have in the past, and I hope that the body will defeat Senator Schmit's motion to refer, although I completely understand his reason for offering it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support Senator Hall's position to go ahead and have the hearings. I don't know if this...actually when I pushed my button, I wrote an amendment out to exclude from Senator Schmit's motion LB 7 which I introduced because, in fact, I would appreciate a public hearing and the input that can be attained from that and have the Revenue Committee of the Legislature reviewing that proposal. As Senator Hall has pointed out, it has in part, at least, been considered before, and not knowing how things are going to go this morning, rather than offer an amendment, I'd assume that this is not going to pass, but if it does, then I will still come back and ask to have LB 7 excluded because I would very much appreciate a hearing on that bill by the Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion? Senator Schmit, would you care to close?