

the only reason I raised that issue again, because I don't think they are going to adopt Senator Elmer's motion. It is too sensible compared to all this other claptrap, so that is going to doom yours, and based on Senator Elmer, I'm shocked that he brings such a reasonable amendment now that I think about it. I felt something had to be wrong with this, Senator Elmer, because it made sense. Maybe I've been here too long today but, at any rate, what we need to look at after Senator Elmer's offering is disposed of is what LB 1 is asking the Legislature to do. Could you feel more comfortable if something left this body, if it were Senator Elmer's offering or if it was what is contained in LB 1? And you might have a general idea of LB 1 from the discussions even if you haven't read every word of it. Senator Elmer, this may be the last time you'll get a vote from me at a time when I had made up my mind in advance that I was going to vote no, but if it happens once, it can happen again. And, Senator Withem, as late as it is in the day, believe it or not, there are people who listen to these discussions and I think it is very wholesome to get these types of issues into the record because, as the day wears on, I understand that people get tired, their energy levels are low. But in preparation for Senator Labeledz, Senator Lindsay and others on 769 in the regular session, I've been exercising more, I've been sleeping better, I've been eating my spinach. I don't say prayers, Senator Smith, because I don't want to make anybody angry should there be somebody there, but everything else that would put me in shape, I've been doing those things. So even though at this part of the day most people have blanked it out, sometimes some of the most worthwhile discussion occurs now. So, Senator Withem, Senator Elmer and those others who have amendments to offer, I hope you will not simply read the amendment, look around and get the general impression that nobody is listening, lose heart, and not present it. None of us, I don't think, have had the opportunity to completely digest what was slipped under our door last night or this morning. So we need the benefit of the discussion provided by those who understand their offerings and who believe in them. So I applaud you for what you have brought and I hope that you continue to reach the same high standard in the future although if you get one of those nags that lucks up a muddy track and beats everybody going off at 50-1 odds, that is not an indication that they will always do that because all those circumstances may not coalesce in the same way. But this one time, Senator Elmer, you're a semi-winner because you've got me and you've got Senator Withem, and when you get two such quality individuals on your side,