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 LR 7, 8

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 1 to Select File with E & R amendments attached. (See page 108 of the Journal.) Two new resolutions, Mr. President. One by Senators Schmit and Labeledz, and a resolution by Senator Wesely. Those will be laid over, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 109-10 of the Journal, re: LR 7, and LR 8.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Additional discussion on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I'd call for the previous question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Withem, the floor is yours for closing.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I offered this amendment at the beginning as process to what I thought was to clarify a bill, to remove a portion of the bill that just stood out, to me, like such a sore thumb, such an unfair provision that I thought what I was doing was improving a bill by removing a piece...a portion of that bill that I thought was so bad. In a sense, the debate, not at my design, I've only spoken twice, once to introduce the amendment, and once during the debate, but the bill...the amendment has kind of grown into, I think, an opportunity for people to express their frustrations and their concerns about the entire process we're involved in. It may be a healthy thing, because we have not really been able to do that yet. The amendment is a simple amendment. The amendment preserves the current system, it does not change the system, it preserves the current system for dealing with appeals; it will, I think, somewhat stop the flood gates that...opening the flood gates of individuals coming in and filing suit, because anybody out there that has an attorney on staff is going to perfect their claim by filing an action. It will also treat people fairly, people that do, in fact, under the class action concept that Senator Chambers defined, who will