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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Warner-Hall amendment. In the paragraph numbered "1", strike the word "may" and insert the word "do" found in the third line of that paragraph. I believe copies have been distributed. (See page 727 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, they have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if a proposition is going to be before us I think it ought to be accurate insofar as reflecting the state of the record. And the facts are without question and acknowledged by everybody on both sides that those ballots do not comply with the statute. So rather than say as currently that the absentee ballots that were the subject of the contest of election, found on page 11 of the Legislative Journal, although they may not fully comply. I want to drop "may" and put "do" because they do not comply. There is no question about that. If they fully complied we wouldn't even be here talking about it, so I think it is a very straightforward, easy to understand, simple amendment that simply puts into this motion, if it is going to be adopted, the true state of the record. We don't, I don't believe, have a right on this date to adopt a proposition that may be referred to in the future which proposition does not convey what the state of the record is. So if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them, and this amendment has nothing to do with the ultimate outcome on this vote or any other one. In fact, Mr. Chairman, if I seemed to stumble, it is so rare that I have an amendment that requires no explanation that it is difficult for me to explain it. It's like trying to knock down a door that is already open, so I don't want you to think that I'm going into any type of senility or that I have taken on some of the characteristics of some of my colleagues around here when they stand up to speak. It's just that I had such a simple, straightforward amendment that it kind of took me by surprise.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I have a number of lights on and I'll go through the list and see if you want to speak to this amendment. Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen. Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment? Senator Lowell Johnson. Senator Schmit. I don't see Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit was next. Senator Lamb, did you wish to