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ASSISTANT CLERK:    There is a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL:     Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do you have any items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK:    Not at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL:     Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I would like to call the senators' attention to the area in the back of center aisle. A special guest today of Senator Hillman is Laura Loyacono of Denver who is with the National Council of State Legislators. Welcome to the Chambers, Laura. Thank you. We will proceed with Select File, LR 219CA.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    Madam President, LR 219CA was before the body prior to lunch. At that time we were considering AM3419 that was offered by Senator Moore.

PRESIDENT MOUL:     Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The speaking order when we recessed at lunch was Senator Schmit, Morrissey, Withem, Elmer, Hefner, Warner and Hall. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT:     Madam Chairman and members of the body, I rise to support the Moore amendment and I believe it's important that we recognize that the amendment which Senator Moore has drafted gives a true choice to everyone who wishes to vote on this issue and who will vote on this issue. Furthermore it is phrased in language which can be understood. The most important responsibility we have is to draft those constitutional amendments in a manner that they can be understood. It is true that this amendment which we are discussing today is an extremely complicated amendment. I visited with a number of attorneys, one of the lobbying corps, other friends of mine who are attorneys. They have studied the amendment which is now the proposal which we are debating and these individuals who are experienced in the area of constitutional government tell me that the amendment is extremely difficult to understand. I will not call them by name because you will, of course, all recognize them and they would be somewhat concerned I am sure if I mentioned their names. But the facts are that we have tried to, I shouldn't say we have tried. What I am saying is that the amendment as it is drafted is nothing more than a trap and when in combination with LB 1063 there really is no choice. It is a lose, lose situation and without adequate information as to what