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SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I noticed that there was an amendment printed in the Journal. Did we dispense with that previously?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That was my amendment that I had filed. I've not had the opportunity to visit with either you or the other sponsors, so for that reason...

SENATOR LANDIS: In that case, I would be happy to have it taken up. It is acceptable to me and I thought it would be coming up in the course of action which is why the motion to advance took me a little bit by surprise. I'd be happy to have this amendment adopted and perhaps substitute my name for yours. May I make a motion to that effect to the Clerk?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes. The amendment that was passed over, Senator Landis has asked that he might be able to take up that amendment so with no objection we will proceed with the Landis amendment to LR 1CA.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment Senator Landis refers to is found on page 512 of the Journal.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, if you look in your Journal on 512, Speaker Withem has put in an amendment which I agree with and it suggests that in the event we get 40 votes on the Final Reading of this bill that rather than the general election of November, 1996, this be voted on in the primary election of May. I think it's a wise suggestion, I endorse it and the reason being, we have a great number of constitutional amendments that are being brought up. Many of them are going to the ballot. I think it would be possible to bewilder a public that was faced with 12, 15 constitutional amendment changes. If this has 40 votes, I'd just as soon have that work load split so the public could divert its attention to a doable amount of work rather than a long ballot laundry list of measures, and for that reason, I'd be happy to accept the responsibility of putting this on the primary ballot, splitting up the work load, I think making it easier for voters to handle the difficult task of weighing constitutional amendments by dividing up the work load. I would endorse this amendment, and if the Clerk needs me to substitute my name on a form, I will do