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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, that vote was an opportunity for us to be rid of this. The fact that there would have been 23 votes with mine indicates to me that there might be a sense of the body that this bill is not a good one; that it is not going to pass. And maybe what I ought to do is just let there be taken a vote by Senator Byars to advance the bill to see what he can do. So at this point, Mr. President, I'm going to withdraw that motion and any other pending motion that I have on the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion to reconsider is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, just all amendments that you have pending, is that right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, but hold them for later.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendments are withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, at this time I have nothing further pending to LB 356.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further discussion on the advancement of LB 356? Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Mr. President, I hope those who had said that they didn't want to get into that other debate on the bill but would vote against advancing this bill will cast a no vote or simply be not voting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Byars for further discussion on the advancement of LB 356.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, members of the body. It's quite obvious to me, from the vote on that amendment, that there is a...if not a tide of opposition to this legislation, there certainly is substantial opposition for whatever reason. I certainly have respect for the wishes of each and every one of you who did vote for the Chambers amendment. I'm not sure if I haven't done an adequate job of