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(introduced leader). In addition, one of the Girl Scouts, (introduced Girl Scout) birthday is today. If you'd rise, we'd like to recognize you and welcome you and wish you happy birthday. Mr. Clerk, LB 72.

CLERK: Mr. President, 72E. I have a series of motions. Senator Chambers, I had a floor amendment from you, Senator, but I have a note that you wish to withdraw, and likewise with AM0808, to withdraw that as well?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return the bill for specific amendment. Senator Chambers, I now have in front of me AM0852, Senator. (See amendment on page 1064 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized on your amendment to return LB 72E to Select File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to explain, as clearly as I can, what the process is this morning. LB 72 is the bill that I'm bringing back. I have brought it back other times to offer amendments which prosecutors felt should be put into the bill. A third one was brought by them which would have removed some words in the portion of the statute that would relate to the activities of alternate jurors. If you have a copy of the amendment that I'm presenting before you today, which has several parts, each of which I will discuss, the simplest one is on the last page of the amendment. And the three words being removed are "deliberations and voting". This is to make sure and to let the prosecutors be certain that the alternate jurors will not participate in any deliberations or voting that will go to whether or not an indictment is brought. There are the two phases of the grand jury proceedings--the evidence gathering, where you have...call in witnesses, bring in evidence and those things are discussed; the alternate jurors participate in that. When that phase is completed, the grand jury considers all of this evidence to determine whether an indictment will be handed