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SPEAKER BROMM:    Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN:    Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Senator, I was out of the room earlier, if you said this already I am sorry, but LB 221, did that advance from committee without a dissenting vote?

SENATOR JENSEN:    All of these advanced without a dissenting vote, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Okay.    So they are all essentially consent calendar-type bills, would that be fair to say?

SENATOR JENSEN:    Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Right.

SENATOR JENSEN:    They are all small bills that, yes, if we had a consent calendar, we could put them on there.    It's just a way of packaging these and I certainly understand, but they are all also, I think, very important, particularly LB 121 and LB 221 dealing with pharmacy and prescription drugs and that licensing of those particular items as they are sent through the mail.    And so I think that is an important thing.    LB 221 amends the Drug Product Selection Act.    But is that what you were referring to, sir?

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Yeah, I was just interested in what types of bills they were.    Do any of them contain any controversial provisions whatsoever to your knowledge?

SENATOR JENSEN:    Not that I'm aware.    Certainly, there wasn't anything that...in the hearing process that was controversial.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Okay, thank you very much, Senator.    Thank you.    I might just say, by way of passing comment, that I really didn't think consent calendar was all that bad when we had it, and I'm wondering why we don't have it again.    Maybe we could have some further discussion of that at some point in time because it certainly would solve the problem with germaneness if