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LB 187

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you respond?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Erdman, which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Chambers, they weigh the same. They're both a pound.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Members of the Legislature, there is a weight known as avoirdupois. A pound, according to avoirdupois contains 16 ounces. Precious metals are weighed by troy weight. Troy weight deals with a pound that contains 12 ounces. I just thought I'd throw that out there so if somebody offers you a pound of feathers as opposed to a pound of gold, if you just want the heavier of the two, take the feathers. If you want the more valuable of the two, take the gold. But here is what I want to say about what we're discussing. Many times a committee will combine several bills into one, which is a committee bill and it comes out. But this is not the committee bill. We're not on that bill into which something had been amended. We're on a different bill, if I understand what we're doing. So we are amending in LB 187 bills that had been killed, and I think it is efficient to take bills similar in subject and combine them into one bill and a committee can do that. A committee can get away with things that would not be allowed under the germaneness rule if they were done on the floor, so the committees do have more leeway. And I hope nothing I said would give Senator Baker the impression that I think you should not do the type of thing you did. I just think it may should be done in a different way. I would like to ask Senator Baker a question, though, on what it is that we're doing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, how was it discovered that this new carrier was not remitting that money that was being