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two, really, is that this one has a seven in front of it. Otherwise, you have 48 and 48. A motion was made and voted on successfully, to return LB 748 to the committee from which it emerged. LB 48 ought to have the same fate. It ought to go back. My motion is to give the opportunity to discuss that point. Both bills should be handled the same way. A lot of time will be taken on either or both of them if they stay out here, but if LB 748 goes and LB 48 does not, then because of the system and the process, I think some people will join me in digging heels in and making sure LB 48 goes nowhere, but that we give it plenty of extended debate. And if others will not participate, I will do all I can to stop that bill. If my motion to recommit is unsuccessful, that means the bill is returned to the committee. It's off the agenda. LB 48 remains out here. I'm not going to try to get anybody to commit openly, one way or the other, how they intend to vote when we get to LB 48, if any votes are allowed. But the first thing I'm going to do, if this vote to reconsider fails, is to put some of those motions on LB 48, to make sure that we have a chance to discuss a lot of those kinds of motions, without getting to LB 48 and its lack of merit. This is a situation we're confronting, where philosophies clash. I happen to be in favor of the MUD position. I'm opposed to LB 48. Such being my view, I will do all I can to see that LB 48 is defeated, one way or the other. I have not strategized, if that word can be used, with those who support LB 748, or those who support LB 48, but I could not let the situation deteriorate in the way I believe occurred when the vote was taken to recommit LB 748 to committee. The only way to tie these two bills together is through a debate of the kind that can occur on this motion. LB 48 is down the list and heads the Kruse Division. So there will be quite a bit of other discussion before LB 48 is reached. Maybe it would be good to have enough discussion to make sure LB 48 is not reached. There is more than one way to skin a cat, and I'm aware of those ways. However, neither LB 748 nor LB 48 is a bill that has me up in arms. I'm going to support LB 748, if one of them winds up being before us for a final vote, but there are others who have a much stronger view about both of them, and maybe see heavier stakes than I do at this point. I'm just kind of taking my time this morning, relishing the opportunity I have to commiserate with my colleagues. And I believe what I should do is take all