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SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw this bill. This bill was handed to me by a senator who already had ten and he agrees that it should be withdrawn. That's about all I guess.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore has asked unanimous consent to withdraw LB1393. Are there objections? Any objections? Hearing none. So ordered. The bill is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President. Enrollment and Review report read.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am signing LB661.

CLERK: That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The only bills on Select File are bracketed. Are there motions to reconsider?

CLERK: None, that they want to take up, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any other pending motions?

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Unfinished business including messages? If not, we will move to the consideration of bills on General File. The Speaker has advised me that the debate this morning should start with LB461, where the debate ended up yesterday. Ready for the General File debate of LB461.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendments that are pending were inserted in the Journal on page 562. These are amendments offered by Senator Syas and are set out in full on those pages.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I move the amendments be adopted. Now what, I'll try to go over it. I might miss something but not intentionally do so. I'll try to go over what is in this amendment. It is partly, I wish to announce, it is partly the Agriculture Committee's amendment. What we are doing in this amendment we retain the board as it is with one exception, we put the Governor's appointee on as chairman and the man serves at the pleasure of the Governor. And if the Governor wishes to change the man he would have to give ten days notice before he appoints another one. The argument all through the years has been and I have opposed bills to make this under a ... a director under the Governor but I think this is a happy medium where the Governor can no longer duck full responsibility for the actions of the Game Department that this would give him one full vote on that board. Right now, on the rules of order, it is pretty hard to say what rules of order they follow in the minutes so this changes it, just puts it down to Roberts rules of order. Another thing this amendment does is it tells you what a quorum should be on the Game Department before they can take an action. Right now, there isn't any such thing as to what constitutes a quorum. They just take the majority of those, as I recall, that show up. Sometimes that is not a quorum and we have to have a quorum in this Legislature and of the seven, why of course, in this amendment we have set that they have to have four votes, no eight, five votes because of the Governor making it eight. This