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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that it were otherwise, Senator Hilgert. Thank you. I'm not going to engage you, you'll soften me, but I'm not going to let that happen. I picked the wrong one to ask that question to. But at any rate, we're going to have some rate discussions on that bill. And what I expect is that the issue on that is over, Senator Janssen, because I read in the paper this morning where the Governor said Senator Withem supports him now. And that with Senator Withem's support, this is no longer an issue, so, Senator Wehrbein, I'm going to have to find a way to try to generate an issue here.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh.) Well, yeah. Well, let me ask you a question. LB 401 is not an issue for you, is it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm definitely interested in it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, as an issue. I'm interested, but it's not an issue. I mean you agree with LB 401 as it is now, don't you?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I read...I thought...maybe I misread. I thought, from what I read in the Governor's comments, that I could infer that everything was taken care of and this bill was just going to slide on across.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I haven't had a chance to read the paper this morning, I've been so busy preparing for your debate that I didn't read it. So I don't know what it says. But I have reservations...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if I give you the paper and you read that, then that will remove any problem you have with LB 401, wouldn't it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I have reservations about it, which I've had from the beginning, so...