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them is essential. That would remain a part of the bill under an amendment that Senator Hilgert is going to offer. His amendment would strike the controversial portion from this bill. LB 953, to my way of thinking, is absolutely essential because of what it does. The program that would be stricken, as far as a statutory underpinning, will continue under the Governor's executive order...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so we don't need this law. And rather than try to rewrite something on the floor here a little and think we've got it right, then find out later on we don't have it right, it would be best to just get that off the table now and let LB 953 remain pure. I would like to ask Sen's...oh, you said I only had a minute?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'll turn on my light if I need it, but I won't try to ask a question at this point.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't...I hardly know what to say about an amendment like this and something like this that comes in at this particular point in time with 31 pages attached. We need to do something about our process because, with the time restraints and the nature of something like this and the scale of it, it becomes literally impossible to analyze and figure out what we're doing because we want to do it and what we're doing because we must do it because the federal government says we must. Not only that; I mean it seems to me when a bill like this comes in what should come along with it is an explicit list of exactly what is required by the federal government so, as a minimum, you could compare that list to what's in the bill. You and I have no idea in this bill what's there because the federal government requires it and what's there because the Governor wants it, somebody else wants it, labor unions want it. I, you know, I don't know what's there to be dealt with and what can't be dealt with. Furthermore, we're getting into another bad practice with things like in the provisions of the bill saying: