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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dwite Pedersen, if the Governor vetoes out this money, will you vote to override?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: No, I will not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you going to vote for my amendment to cut this program out?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, well, I think...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'll stop asking questions. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your amendment to LB 543?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do. Mr. President, this is that time of day when things begin to move in a little different manner. We have to stay on this bill until 5:30 and we're going to stay on it beyond 5:30 because I have other amendments and I'm going to take them all up. And if Senator Thompson laughs one more time when it's not appropriate, I'm going to withdraw this amendment and file it at the bottom and we'll just do it again. So I think she's going to be like that person at the funeral who was told whatever happens, don't laugh. And you know what that's going to result in, but I'm not going to hold her to that. I just wish that I could get the body to project itself forward to the end of the session when things are not going to be as relaxed as they are now. Pretty soon we're going to be dealing with bills on Select File that require spending. And this is going to be jockeying and trying to shoulder its way into a position so that the senators will vote for it. And if you vote for it, maybe the Governor will leave it in since he said he's going to fund it the second year. But that might cause him to veto something else and he can say it's a trade-off