

considered absolutely correct. If this bill is that important, and it is going to do that much, why is the effective date September 1 of next year?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Chambers, as I told you earlier, I have not even had a chance to read the bill. I got a phone call saying if we don't pass it we are going to lose these federal funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I know. Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And if we weren't going to be adjourned tomorrow, I'd be here tomorrow doing exactly what I said I would do on Select File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But I do like...I hope you will address why the Judiciary Committee held it a month.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've been against the bill from the beginning, so the members of the Judiciary Committee who voted to advance it will have to answer that. It's been a bill that was difficult to work on because it is not a good concept, it is not...by that I mean it is not one easily implemented. So maybe they have a lot of work to do to try and get it in a form that would be coherent and appear to have some internal logic. But, again, they can answer why it was held that long. If I am critically ill and a doctor, who understands my illness, checks me over and says, yes, Chambers is ill, he's at the brink of...let me take somebody else because they want me to go and fall off the edge. Senator Warner is critically ill. He is at the brink of death and he needs immediate major surgery or he will die, so, Senator Warner, I want you to come into my office September 1, 1986 for this surgery. There is an inconsistency there. If I, the doctor, say the patient is critical then I, the doctor, say but I'm not going to operate until the patient will die, either I'm not concerned about the patient or I've misrepresented the state of the patient's health. All you have heard from those who support this bill is how essential it is that it be passed right now. Yet, they don't want it to take effect until not next year while we are in session but after the date that a bill will take effect if we pass it next session. If we got out of here next year, in a short session, in May, June, July,