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PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would have to support Senator Stoney in his escalation, or certainly open negotiation. In as much as many items of equipment, and I think in terms of power equipment, substation equipment, is four and five years in delivery, I don't know how you could provide for a firm bid to receive an absolute bid without an escalation clause. I think you would wind up with no suppliers if you don't allow some latitude under this kind of a delivery situation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol. Senator Duis, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I thought I was. I had an amendment up there and suddenly we got off on another subject.

PRESIDENT: No, we're still on the Duis amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, neither one of the last speeches has been made on the amendment. They've been asking questions . . .

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, I'm not about to get into relevancy rulings. Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: (mic inactivated) . . . don't understand the amendment. You don't want any bidding in local governmental subdivisions contracts? Is that what you're doing?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes sir. Senator Cavanaugh, yesterday, and I firmly believe and I trust them, they said that they were capable of deciding whether or not they should bid or negotiate. That there were times when they could negotiate much better than they could receive bids. I believe . . . I sincerely believe this is correct. Therefore, I don't think that we should bind them down to bidding as to the particular amount of money.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, Senator Duis, I'm amazed.

SENATOR DUIS: You've been amazed before, but let's go with this one.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well you're the one this last November who was going crazy over a bidding situation, and no bid.

SENATOR DUIS: Remind me of it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Now you're saying that everybody who holds office throughout the state and every political subdivision is complicit to make all these judgements with no restrictions on them, in the public interest, as to whether or not they're gonna get the best contract price. That's ridiculous! The reason we write these laws is to set perimeters for local governments to follow and some restrictions in which they have to operate. This is a horrible amendment! I oppose it.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Cavanaugh, I must ask you to make direct reference to when I went crazy over bidding. Please tell me the instance.