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LB 881, 925

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Discussion on the Hilgert amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

SENATOR CROSBY: You...thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, we're back to the core issue that we're going to have on a number of the amendments that we have here, and my essential recommendation is this. If you're a supporter of LB 925, do those things which you would genuinely support all the way through the process, and if there's enough of us, fine. If not, that's okay too, but what I want to make sure is I want to make sure that the underlying bill has its best chance. Now I didn't vote for welfare reform so, in fact, I have no difficulty with the Hilgert amendment. I think the lay of the land is this. The administration doesn't like LB 925 because it costs money. It doesn't like LB 925 for the same reason it doesn't like a lot of your bills. It likes, the administration, speaking in a neutral, non...(laugh)...a pronoun without gender or humanity, it, how do you...they, the administration genuinely likes spending money on the administration's property tax relief program. We got put into a box last year with LB 881 and now that's coming true. Everything that we could spend money on is being (slapping hands together) butting up against property tax relief. Well, pretty smart politics on the administration's perspective last year. So they don't like LB 925 because it spends money. I probably have a veto coming. I have a little conversation with Larry Bare. He doesn't say we're going to veto it. He says we don't like spending. I think reading between the lines that says, given what they've done in the past, we can expect a lot of vetoes on A bills. Probably LB 925 has that fate, so I'm probably looking at 30 votes, not 25. Now this amendment saves money. My bill costs a million eight. That's what the Fiscal Office says, million eight. This bill saves a million five. Kind of nice math there. And you'd think that the administration would say, well, gosh, we're moving in the right direction with this amendment; we're getting child care down to no-cost so that we can continue to spend state resources for property tax relief. However, they don't like