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SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure, Senator Chambers. I think they took the...what they thought was the expeditious route to do this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they...they're going to run right into me. The bill...I had spoken in the committee to express my reservations. And I happened not to have been there when the bill was advanced. And that's not the committee's fault at all. But I've made it clear that I don't like the direction this bill is going. And I'm not in favor of doing away with a policy decision that we made. And we made that policy decision based on representations made by the Chairperson of the Ag Committee, in whom we all have confidence. Now a different group has come to the Ag Committee and said, we cannot...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...get the grant that we want if you mandate that this assessment be made. So our getting the grant is more important than mandating the assessment. I do not like these things to be left to the good will of whoever happens to be the director, or anybody sitting in any position where they carry out policy. I want that policy to remain mandatory. And I'm going to fight against this bill. I just want that clear.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR DIERKS: It's my understanding, Senator Chambers, that the results will be the same. Because the funding is on the way, and it will be...we'll still have the report. With that, I'd just urge your support of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question is the adoption of the Dierks amendment to the committee amendments to LB 804. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of