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way. But some of the statements would appear to be perhaps not tracking quite with exact circumstances. It's my understanding that Senator Wickersham, and since he's not here, he is, by the way for those of you who do not know, incapacitated for the day with a very serious back strain, and so he's not here to defend himself...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...nor should he have to be here to defend himself on LB 801. But any actuarial study that would have been requested by the Retirement Committee on this or any other retirement plan, would, I rather suspect, have been approved by the Legislative Council through their...through their governing board, the Executive Board. We have never to the best of my knowledge, ever not funded an actuarial study. So to create the impression that the \$2,000 or whatever the alleged figure was was not an achievable study to have made or that the contents of the bill at some point in time while it was in the possession, and still is in the possession of the Retirement Committee might not be exactly an accurate description of the situation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers, on the motion to return.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, when the Exec Board, which is the governing body of the Legislature, and we know what that means when I use that kind of language, not that we dictate or order, but we know what the Exec Board is, authorizes the introduction of legislation, a committee chair should take that seriously. We're not playing in the sandbox. Some people may. People when they get to be chairs get out of the sandbox and into the big leagues. And they're going to find out when they play hardball, hardball is not played just one day. This is a political body. We are dealing with a political issue and when the chairperson of the Exec Board and the Exec Board itself is treated with disrespect and utter contempt, two can play that