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LB 305A, 305

SENATOR HILGERT: It...

SENATOR RAIKES: We did deal with a five-year planning horizon and you may remember on General File one of our discussions was to eliminate part of LB 305 so that that five-year planning horizon worked.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Did...would it be responsible to put intent language into LB 305A describing that this is unsustainable in order to give the future Appropriations Committee warning, if you will, that either cuts will have to be made in other programs or another tax increase will have to be instituted? Or is that inappropriate to put in an A bill like this?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I think that, you know, the question of how appropriate that is would probably be a matter of just personal preference. I don't think you could say outright that it wouldn't be appropriate. I...

SENATOR HILGERT: What would be your preference, Senator Raikes?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, my preference would be to do it just like we have here...

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...but...but I have no qualm about the statement being in there saying that...that something would have to change after the fifth year in order for things to...

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Senator Raikes. And my concern, frankly, and I'm going to be...I'm trying to ponder on more of these issues in light of the passage of term limits. We will have less and less institutional memory. We will have greater turnover in our committee structures and so forth. So when we embark on long-term, a rather significant commitment such as this, I think there might be wisdom in an argument that we start trying to give, to put it simply, a heads up to future legislators and committee members. Thank you.