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LB 305A

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the budget bill did not pass, if the Governor vetoed everything but allowed LB 305A to stand, would LB 305A do what this language says it should do?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, that...that would be...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're not talking about money that already is found in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Fund. We're not talking about that. If that's what we were talking about, we would not make another appropriation here, we would say simply, there is hereby appropriated from the Tax Equity and Educational Fund \$40 million. But we're putting money into that fund, regardless of how much is already there, for the purpose of LB 305A. So I don't see what anybody is talking about who says that, if we clarify the language here, we're going to undo something in the budget bill. The amount we are referring to specifically here is \$40 million; that's the amount that LB 305A is talking about in Section 3. So if you're talking about \$40 million, and you're going to make another reference to it, the first reference is to put that amount into this Tax Equity Fund. The second reference to that \$40 million is when it's appropriated out or there's the authorization to go ahead and spend it. The only thing we're talking about is the \$40 million, so we should say "that which amount", because the "which amount" we're talking about is \$40 million, not the entire fund. I don't understand what your advisors are telling you. So what I'm going to do when this motion fails,...

SENATOR RAIKES: That's very pessimistic there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if the world has not ended, is offer an amendment so that we can focus on that specifically, because it may be necessary to have explained to me how these words mean something different from what I think they mean. And maybe I have just opened a can of worms for myself, meaning that I better start reading all these A bills from now on, because there is some "peculiarosome" language utilized. But back to what my amendment would do. Before I do that, let me ask