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LB 366

Legislature, it is necessary that I, as what has been referred to as the senior member of this body, do a little bit of chastising and lecturing this morning. But before I do it, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Raikes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes,...

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what, in a nutshell, is the main purpose of LB 366? Why, in other words, should the enacting clause not be stricken? How essential is it to the state?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I'm going to have to get my bearings here a second.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I will speak a while and give you a chance to get situated. Members of the Legislature, if the introducer of a bill has to get his bearings before he can even be aware of what the bill is, it's clear that I might be doing the state a favor, and you all can help me, if we return the bill and strike the enacting clause. But because I've been around here long enough and have had enough conversation with Senator Raikes to know that he does not do anything in a trifling manner when it comes to legislation, I believe he has a reason for it, once it occurs to him what it is. Now, he won't bring trifling legislation. But he brings bad, unwise legislation. And we'll have an opportunity to get into a piece of that kind of action somewhat later. But if he has his bearings, I would like him to respond to the question, if he is prepared at this point.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, Senator. I'll give it a shot here. This has to do with allowing, or giving counties the opportunity to determine whether or not residences that are outside the city can be considered as nonfarm buildings, and therefore be included in...more easily included in property tax assessment,