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Moylan, lobbyist; Mr. William Blake, lobbyist; Mr. Joseph Hampton and these other people. It is a local politician's boondoggle and I am sure that is not Senator Hefner's intent but I would like to clear the air and the record if I may. Senator Hefner, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is your intention in offering this proposal to allow local politicians to escape being accountable for the legitimate decisions they ought to have to make based on the position they sought when they were elected?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think it was my intentions to let them get off the hook, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you see where that could happen in view of the totality of the discussion here this afternoon?

SENATOR HEFNER: It perhaps could but my intention was when we come as a body here in the Legislature and say you shall implement this program that costs x amount of dollars and you shall implement that program, well I think we need to consider it a little closer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, I understand your intent. Now let me go to the legal system for an analogy. Have you ever heard it stated by a judge or anybody that not every wrong has an appropriate remedy at law, that a person might have a grievance but there is no way that the law can give him or her recourse? Have you ever heard that stated?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, I have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think there is a possibility that although what you are seeking is desirable, there may not be a practical and realistic way to achieve it? Senator Kelly, would you move so I can maintain eye contact with Senator Hefner? Oh, if you turn sideways I can anyway.

SENATOR HEFNER: Would you ask me that question again, please, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you perhaps agree that although your intent may be laudable, it may not be realistically achievable?

SENATOR HEFNER: It could be, but we do have a lot of bills before us that are this particular way.