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SPEAKER BARRETT: A minute and a half.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I would like to take the rest of my time and I want to have a little visit with Senator Withem and give him a chance to respond to some of the points I have made here. As I suggested to him earlier, I'm going to ask Senator Withem if I were a...if I were a contractor thinking about coming in and bidding on this particular study that we're going to do, what exactly is it that you envision us coming out with? Because I suspect that we have got to give this person a lot better direction or we're just not going to get there but I'm willing to give Senator Withem some time to talk about that.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, a good question and I don't think...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: It's such a good question I don't have an answer to it. How does that sound? And I will defend not having an answer to it because that is really the role of the five-member commission, is to negotiate the specifics of what they expect to come from the contractor. I don't think with...your amendment to my amendment isn't going to improve that situation either. If it's the desire of the Legislature to more specifically craft what it is we want into this particular study, we can do that. I'm more than happy to talk with people about improving the direction that is in this particular bill. I don't want to get to the point where we're so specific we lose sight of the big picture. Now your amendment to my amendment, as I understand it, and I recognize the fact that it has not been distributed widely and I'm not critical of that that you're certainly free to offer suggestions, changes to a bill at any time as we go along.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: But, as I understand your amendment at this point, it really goes back to the more broader version of the amendment that was in the green copy. I'm rambling, I recognize I'm rambling...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, time has expired.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's probably good my time is expiring if I'm rambling.