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LB 1113

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose the present Governor is not in office after the election, what becomes of that plan?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, it...the plan and the process will still be there for us to adhere to and appropriate money to accordingly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we place in statute the language that is contained in LB 1113, that would make it unnecessary to worry about who the Governor is, wouldn't it?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, in theory that's true, but that's not always in reality, that could still be a problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I mean, as far as having a plan, that is there.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, because the plan would be there anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, if a plan is there statutorily, it does give greater leverage for arguing from the floor of the Legislature for the need to see that the plan is implemented.

SENATOR MOORE: That all depends on whether or not you agree with the plan.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, whether you agree with it or not, as an individual, those who do think that there should be such a plan do have a point of leverage that they wouldn't have without it being in statute. Would you agree to that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, not totally, but to a certain degree, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, the point I'm trying to get around to is that various things are put into the statute so that the whim of whoever happens to be the chief executive is not the deciding factor as to whether that program is implemented, or even whether it exists. Apparently there is not as serious a problem with housing in Senator Moore's district, and the lack of a plan, the lack of a program, the lack of an approach to try to address problems of housing do not impact on him in the way they do those of us who not only represent those districts but live in such a set of circumstances. As I stated during the context of another