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up because that's what it amounts to. I prefer Senator Wesely's proposal. We've had this information. In all cases, those folks who have filed, who currently are under contract, what we do through the Wesely version of LB 431 is allow for those reports. We give them plenty of time. We give them till September 1. Senator Warner wants to move that to December 1 for obvious reasons. Yes, it does allow for drafting of legislation. Doesn't always serve my purpose I guess, or at least part of my purpose, in having the September 1 date, but that's clearly what we're dealing with here. It is just a straight up or down vote and it may fall along party lines.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please; followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, Mr. President and members, Senator Hall pretty well pointed out the situation. It is a before or after the election issue. The information is there and could be made public even, you know, within a matter of time. We felt that September 1 they would have enough time to pull it together and we could wait till December, but it would be after the elections and the thought is this bill, this issue, will be on the minds of people as we get into the elections and it should be an issue debated in full information. Having partial information has not seemed to work and that the public does deserve to have this information before... as soon as possible. Heck, I'd like to have it as soon as the session ended, but we obviously wanted to give some time for the department to pull that information together. In any event, the information will eventually become available and December 1 we could use it for the next session, and obviously we'd have to use it to draft legislation. That's part of the reason we have this bill. But I think September 1 makes sense. They've got it; they can make it available. To not do it September 1, frankly, it looks like, again, we're trying to hide information from the public that we've got, that we've got sitting over there and all we have to do is accumulate and put it out and make it public. So I think if it's there, let's share it, let's let people see it and the sooner the better.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens,