

you the word just a few minutes ago...

SENATOR HALL: I was mistaken, I misspoke, Senator Chambers, and I was going to mention that the first opportunity I had and since this is it, I apologize for taking your time but I said it was others smarter than I.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That was a mistake. So now, who were the ones who brought this information to you?

SENATOR HALL: One of the attorneys on behalf of the pipelines, as a matter of fact, to be quite honest with you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then the department did not perceive this problem.

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, you know, at least they are consistent. You know, they didn't understand it when they first put it in, they don't understand it now and they probably think something very sinister is going on and that's what happens when you begin to use specific words when you are dealing with a concept or an idea or a status. We're talking about a status and that's why what Senator Hall said should be done, if you want the bill to be in some kind of rational order if you are going to pass it. I was hoping nobody would touch that. I wanted it to stay just like it is and I wanted to give the department what it and Senator Hefner and the crisis committee told us is necessary to get us out of this crisis. And when I first said it I felt like saying, Jesus crisis, Senator Hefner, if you'll pardon me. Abraham Lincoln, one time, was facing some kind of problem and he said something about knowing where you are in order to determine where you're attending so that you can get where you want to go. We don't know where we are, Senator Hefner. I know where we are. This is a state of confusion and the ones who said that the best minds put this stuff together are now being shown to have been as dumb as the way I characterized them the first day. I used that word. I said Boehm is one of the dumbest people in public life that I've seen; maybe I said office. This proves it. Didn't he used to work in the Attorney General's Office? What kind of recommendation is that for a higher position or more responsibility? And he is the one who has got the Legislature down here chasing its tail and in this particular provision that