

on this issue not knowing what we are going to be doing. It has really torn at the fabric of local government. It has torn at the fabric of this Legislature. It really needs to be resolved. I think what Senator Lindsay is doing suggesting a way in which we can, if we are going to pass LB 7, which it appears likely we are going to, we will at least be able to test it as quickly as possible and determine whether or not the tourniquet that we apply is going to stop the bleeding, the Band-Aid is big enough, all of the other cliches that we have used. So I am going to support the Lindsay amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I also support the Lindsay amendment and a crucial aspect of it is the requirement that the matter be expedited, that it be handled quickly. Let's say that one of these companies brings an action in court, then it follows the regular routine and who does know how long it will take for an answer to come down, and I believe that the desire is to get it past the elections next year, and that is why some people don't want us to expedite it, and two days now is more important than having that long period of time when the matter will be left hanging and people can get through their elections without this issue being resolved. This is not anything that affects the language of the bill, itself. It doesn't attempt to add any exemptions, doesn't attempt to take away any, does not offer a definition, it does not touch anything in the bill. It simply says that once this action is to be before the court, it will be an original action right to the Supreme Court, and that it will be expedited in every way. The court understands the meaning of that language and they have issued decisions already that should make it relatively easy for them to dispose of this matter. Now the opinion may be very lengthy but I am sure there will be references back to previous opinions that they have given, and what they usually do when they are dealing with a very serious matter that has been resolved or addressed several times already. I know that there is some people who still want this Legislature to be the campaign committee for the Governor's reelection. And I heard on the radio coming down here where Norm Riffel of the "Repelican" Party said that the Governor is definitely going to seek reelection. So we know what the situation is. The World-Herald has repeatedly tried to get this...well, I did hear that she is going to seek reelection and some people act like that is not so, but that is what I heard him say. I didn't