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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the return...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He gave me just whatever he has.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right. Mr. Chairman, I would say just very briefly that Senator Warner did point out that in his opinion this bill will be utilized in a certain way by the court to have impact on the other pending cases, that we don't know where they are located on the docket so we don't know how long it would be before the court would even bring those cases up for the purposes of decision which could carry it a long way beyond the election, as I say, again. But forget about the elections and everything I have said about that and consider this one aspect. The amendment will not hurt LB 7 at all. It will affect LB 1 which could have an improper classification that would strike down that entire bill and we and the public are entitled to know that. This amendment would allow for an expedited hearing on LB 1 where we did all that defining of real property and so forth. So I think there is an adequate basis for adopting this amendment and it's not going to hurt LB 7, then we don't have to speculate about where the other two hundred some odd cases are, whether they will be expedited, what the court will do with this bill in relationship to the others because there could be discussions of a very legalistic nature. The important thing, I think, is to have a legislative directive and creating the machinery and authorization for the expedited consideration of these bills by the Supreme Court.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that is a responsible action that might salvage some degree of respectability for the Legislature in view of the haste with which we have acted and we all know that ultimately the Supreme Court will make a determination as to what these bills are relative to their constitutionality. I really think that that part about the center pivot and the irrigation systems have destroyed LB 1 and I think the people who are going to be affected by all of the provisions of that bill are entitled to have a resolution of that issue as soon as possible. Senator Lindsay's amendment will make that possible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the closing and the