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LB 1061

SENATOR WILL: Well, I would judge the material that's given me independently. I think obviously, you have to look at things that may be, you know, appearances of conflicts, but I would have to judge it based on the facts that were before me, including that fact, if I did know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I didn't use the word conflict, I just asked if it would make any difference in how you viewed all of this. Are there things about this deal that you don't know?

SENATOR WILL: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you comfortable with the deal...

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in view of the things that may be out there that you don't know?

SENATOR WILL: My comfort...my comfort level is such that I was comfortable carrying LB 1061, and I still am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're comfortable, knowing that the county currently is spending tax money on this deal, after saying they wouldn't.

SENATOR WILL: Given the fact that I believe that they're doing that with the entire intention of paying it back with the...with the revenue that they raise from the racetrack.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I hope some of you have paid attention, because it underlines what Senator Ashford said earlier about the county board people not telling the truth. Why is there such a rush to do this for Ak-Sar-Ben? What kind of hold do they have? They might be Svengali for some people on this floor, but that's not what they are as far as I'm concerned. They don't own me. They don't pop their finger and I jump. But that seems to be what the Legislature is doing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment by Senator...Senator Chambers.