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something that has good, solid precedent in other states and has an historical basis.

SENATOR MOORE: I see no other lights on for the Chambers amendment. Seeing no other lights, I'll recognize Senator Chambers...well, no, I'll recognize Senator Chambers for his time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a situation which is unusual for me because I'm trying to cooperate with some other people and a funny thing happened. They were all clustered out there around the door and I went out there and said a few words to them, then I came back in here to get the discussion of the amendment so that we could talk some more, and you see who's out there for me to talk to. Nobody. Everybody's gone. (Laughter.) So that's how, I guess, this kind of activity occurs. So the only thing left for me to do at this point is to continue discussing the...what might be desirable if it can be achieved. LB 20, as it exists, is unacceptable. The program, as administered now, is unacceptable to some of the people outside of the Legislature. So a midpoint is being sought after. And I do believe there would probably be enough people in here to accept that modification to LB 20. But when you look at how sparse our numbers are, maybe a great percentage of ours took off with the cavalry or whoever they were and ran to where they were running to. But they certainly disappeared quickly. I don't think Houdini or David Copperfield could make that many people disappear that quickly without sleight of hand. The reason I cannot argue strongly for the amendment that's up there right now is because, in its present form, it does not achieve a desirable end. And I'm leveling with you when I tell you that the purpose is to discuss this to give time to some people who apparently need it. But if we could behave in a practical manner, I think it would be good to pass over this bill at this point, but the introducer is not here right now. So I don't know how we can achieve that purpose. So what I hope we will do when we reach that point is understand the realities of this situation. And when we reach that point I'm not going to talk in terms of right and wrong or good and bad or morality or immorality, I'm going to talk strictly about practicality, that we have a limited amount of time to try to get some very significant bills passed. The ones that are on the back burner now because of LB 20 have far more impact on the budget than LB 20. So if some method could be found...excuse me a minute.