

you all know, just as I know, that the state does not want to discharge those responsibilities that it has.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Dave Maurstad. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, could I ask Senator Chambers a question, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, do you feel there is a particular value in redundancy in legislation?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes, many times, many times. And let me give you an example. There is a statute on the books and it relates to the offense of speeding. The law says that, in charging the offense, the maximum speed limit must be stated and proved and the speed of the alleged perpetrator. The State Supreme Court said, despite that clear language, it is not necessary to prove the speed of the perpetrator, so the Legislature assisted me in enacting a statute which, in effect, said we mean what we said. All that the amendment stated was these two elements must be proved. But the way the statute, itself, is written makes that clear. So if the redundancy is one which achieves no purpose, I agree with what I think you're suggesting by your question that it ought not to be there. But sometimes it's necessary...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Appreciate that. I feel that this...the amendment is valid, that this certainly is redundant and therefore will support the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, our Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee just said that this won't make or break this bill. And DPI says it's