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LB 455A, 455

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you answer a question?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you prepared to go to cloture on 455A, this evening?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would rather not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't ask what you'd rather, are you prepared to?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'm prepared.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You think...you think your colleagues will stay here long enough for you to invoke cloture and give you enough votes to do it?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you challenging me?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh.) And I'm not going to carry us to cloture either, or even attempt to, but I'm not going to vote for the A bill. And I gave reasons as why I'm opposed to LB 455, and trying to adopt a collegial spirit by not unduly extending the debate. I'm not even going to move to kill the bill, I'm not even going to offer an amendment. But I hope everybody realizes that on Select File there is going to be considerable discussion because some amendments that I think were of substance were not dealt with at all. I do not believe anything in the way of the discussion we've had so far was designed to just slow the bill down. I don't know whether I've offered any amendments to this bill or not, but if I were trying to slow it down, there are so many ways and opportunities to do so, but those activities were not engaged in. So I hope the Governor and Senator Bohlke, simply because they have the votes, do not have the plan in mind to cut off debate on Select File before we cover all of the amendments and discuss the bill. If they do that and I haven't said this about any bill before, but if they do that, then on Final Reading I'm going to make sure that we take enough time to be forced to cloture. There are substantial and radical changes being wrought by 455. We have