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SENATOR BROMM: And so I think we need to put, we need to bring about a structure by which the land is sold, or at least a good portion of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's my question, talking about the condition of LB 1205 right now, there is nothing that is mandated in terms of a sale prior to July of next year.

SENATOR BROMM: Nothing mandated for a sale prior to July of next year is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the Legislature may do something during that interim to say there will be no sales.

SENATOR BROMM: That's possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why are you asking us to adopt this amendment you're presenting to us, which is saying...

SENATOR BROMM: Oh, I see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what's going to happen to this money when we're...the bill is not even talking about sales?

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Well, I think if the Legislature does nothing next year, Senator Chambers, the plan of sale would be implemented, beginning July 1 of '97, and the state colleges, and perhaps university are nervous about not having this clarification in the legislation, if there is no further legislation, if you follow me. They feel better if this clarification is in there now. That's the only answer I can give you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand that. And this is exactly why I...I'm opposing your amendment, okay, and here is why. I want the Legislature to be in a position where we have to come back and revisit the issue. And the way to ensure that is to reject this amendment, which is guaranteeing some kind of hold harmless status to these interests, but not that same hold harmless status to the children for whom these lands are supposedly held. So I would rather that the bill stay in the form that we have it with the committee amendments and the amendment that Senator Warner is going to offer, and not put any insurance policy for