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SENATOR JENSEN: I think the intent of the plan here is to certainly reduce the size of government. I'd just like to see that...I'd like to see that intent in writing, and hopefully that can happen. We have five agencies that have not worked together, we're bringing them down into three...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...(inaudible), and I hope that can happen that there can be more coordination, that there can be savings, and so that's the reason I do support the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, Senator Jensen, I know that you had occasion to sign contracts in your business. Before you entered into carrying out a contract, wouldn't you want the other person to sign it to assume his or her obligations in exchange for you assuming yours?

SENATOR JENSEN: I would, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, we're not requiring a signed contract. We're giving everything and saying we hope they come back with something in December. Isn't that basically what we're doing?

SENATOR JENSEN: There is some trust in there, there's no question about that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And my time is up, so I won't pursue it. Thank you, Senator Jensen.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President, members, I, too, am concerned about the cost of...cost saving on this. And I think that question has been asked and obviously it's one that's very illusive. But I will continue to hear the debate and will turn over the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, if he's ready to continue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR FISHER: You owe me one. (Laughter.)