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LB 770

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, isn't that going to diminish the money that would be available to the state, even though it's in the form of a credit?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the same way that this bill might diminish the money that goes to the county?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And those others will have to make up that money that will come out of the state that would not be available to the state under the beginning farmer bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct. If...unless you simply reduce other...well, two things. One, you could increase taxes to pay for it; you can reduce other programs to pay for it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the counties could do the same thing.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To keep it parallel...that's why I say "by analogy"...now, that bill has a delayed operational date on it also, doesn't it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why do we need to pass it? Why don't we just let it sit there while we study the situation, if you get my drift? Why don't we do that, and treat them both the same way? Both have a delayed date to take effect. Both require study so that we can determine the impact. Why should the farmers be treated more favorably than the people under LB 770?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I believe that Senator Hartnett is suggesting that if LB 770 is advanced to Select File that he