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Senator Wehrbein on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 770.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I don't know whether I should talk or not, but I'd like to have Senator Chambers listen anyway. No, I didn't. I just said I'd like to have you listen, because I don't know whether I should be talking or not. I probably should be keeping my mouth shut, like I try to do. The only difference that I would say...the reason I delayed mine...and I do have in position a board that's set up to do this study. So I think there is a parallel here, except that Senator Bromm did not want to fund a full study, a full-blown study of the impact of LB 770. In my LB 630...which you're drawing the analogy to, not me...is the fact that I have in place this same board, a board to do that, and it does cost some money to do that study so we can determine the impact or the potential use of what LB...the use of LB 630 would be. Because it is difficult to know the impact of LB 630, what it will cost, if it will be used, and so forth and so on. So there are a lot of similarities, except I go ahead and fund it with General Funds, frankly, to see what the impact's going to be. This one is a study that Senator Bromm...I will speak for him; I don't want to put words in your mouth...but he said to use the Department of Revenue, maybe even Legislative Research, whatever, to do this study. But it is an unfunded study, and it does take a little more time if it's not to be funded. That's...since you've drawn the parallel, I've jumped into the fight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wehrbein did point out a difference between the two. But that's why I said I wanted it to be an analogy. An analogy deals with two things which are somewhat the same, but simply different. That's what an analogy is. So if they were alike in every respect, there would not be an analogy. I was aware of differences, but I think the similarities are more striking and remarkable than the differences. But I don't blame Senator Wehrbein for wanting his study funded. And he did take the steps to have it done, which shows the seriousness of intent of