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LB 76A, 76

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And I haven't researched in huge depth the Opinion and all of the surrounding circumstances, but it specifically said the funds contained in the "nonvetoed" provisions of LB 880A. There had been a veto of all of 880, and portions of 880A. That's the underlying factual premise for the Opinion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And...and the language in the A bill was similar to the language in the A bill that we have here to say in aid of carrying out the provisions of a particular bill?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I cannot represent that to you, Senator Beutler, because I haven't checked it. This was simply developed as a part of the research that...what I was trying to demonstrate in colloquy with Senator Bruning is that 76A said, there is hereby appropriated \$160,000 for Program 198. Well, guess what Program 198 is--the administration of Crime Commission programs, including research. So 70...I'm saying 76A, as presented to the body and voted upon, while we tend to always couple these things together, had some structural and subject integrity of its own. This was to be appropriated for Program 198 to aid in carrying out the provisions of LB 76. Well, the only thing that was contained in LB 76 was a moratorium, two years, and the specificity of what was to be studied and, as a reference point to the specificity of what is to be studied in order to arrive at conclusions of proportionality, LB 76 is still a part of our record.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But the language says to carry out the provisions of that bill, and if that bill doesn't exist, I'm having a hard time understanding how you can carry out its provisions notwithstanding the fact that you have...you do have some kind of reference point. Let me ask you this. In our rules on Final Reading we read first the main bill and then we read the A bill if the main bill is approved by the body. I've always understood our rule to mean, and perhaps we need a discussion of this, that if the main bill was not approved by the body the A bill is not even read. So why would we not even read a bill in our own body if the main bill is not passed but, with respect to a veto, we would deal with the A bill notwithstanding the fact that the entire main bill has been