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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 120, a bill discussed by the Legislature on two separate occasions earlier this week. (Read title.) The bill has been discussed, Mr. President, on January 24 and 25. Committee amendments have been offered. Senator Chambers had offered an amendment to the committee amendments, that was not adopted on the 25th. When the body adjourned for the day, Senator Chambers had pending a motion to reconsider the vote on FA270 to the committee amendments, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal, page 422.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We'll move to debate on the motion to reconsider the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Chambers, I'm going to recognize you, since it's your motion. I know that there was an opening, but that was...been some time ago. I'd like to recognize you to begin. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Mr. President, I'll consider this a time speaking on the motion. There has been activity on this bill and on amendments, and I'm not sure just where we are. So I'm going to take this opportunity to say a few things, and it might give people a chance to kind of collect themselves and see where we are, because to be quite frank about it, I'm not sure. I have to make it crystal clear that I'm against joint custody imposed by the court. When both parents are not in favor of it, I'm against it. But what I had told those who were trying to get this bill is that if they'd take out some of the more egregious aspects of it, I will not prevent them from getting a vote. I'm going to fight, tooth and nail, against the bill, but I'll let them get to a vote. And some of what I'm seeing as possible amendments and one, I guess, that will be offered by Senator Beutler, since his initials are on the copy that I have, still has things in it that I disagree with very strongly, I believe. But since I just got it, I'm going to have to digest it. And I'm going to leave that motion up there so that others who have been trying to work on this will have an opportunity to try to get the body brought up to where we are. And then the amendment that's presented will not be dropped on everybody cold. I think this amendment is going to do away with the committee amendments, I guess, but I'm not sure that I see that in here. So I don't really know how this is playing out. And I'm not going to commit myself on it at this time. So, I'm going to leave this motion up there so that there can be a bit