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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Do you see how quickly you were able to lay that out for me?

SENATOR SMITH: I guess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why did they need a year's extension under your amendment, or a six-month extension under Senator Wickersham's amendment, to say what you told me in less than a minute?

SENATOR SMITH: It's my understanding that Dakota County is looking at the same thing and needs some assistance because they're not as far along as the Scotts Bluff County plan.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I won't take all your time, Senator Smith, because you may have some comments you'd like to make and my light is on, so I appreciate your being so accommodating. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Chambers and members and Mr. President. I believe that there have been some good questions raised here and I also think that with this plan we still have accountability and it encourages money to be spent wisely...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...instead of just trying to use up a budget because it will go away otherwise. So I...I encourage your adoption of even this amendment that it...that will terminate after a six-month extension instead of a twelve-month extension. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) Next speaker is Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I really don't know what I'm going to do on the amendment, AM2619. I'm not even quite sure what I'm going to do on the Wickersham amendment to that. But I rise to just raise some questions about process here and my concern in today's activity, although I said I would not disagree with this amendment being