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SENATOR HILGERT: Among others, yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did they request somebody offer this as a bill?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes, they did, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did they request that it be prioritized?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm not aware of that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it prioritized as a committee bill?

SENATOR HILGERT: No, it was not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I know it was not prioritized as an individual senator's bill. Was it prioritized by the Speaker?

SENATOR HILGERT: No, it was not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So nobody thought this was important enough to prioritize it.

SENATOR HILGERT: I would not agree with that. No one who has the power to prioritize thought it was important enough.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, for all intents and purposes in the Legislature, nobody who could prioritize thought it was important enough.

SENATOR HILGERT: That's correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is LB 953 a bill that needs to pass? Not is it desirable; does it need to pass?

SENATOR HILGERT: I would say it does not come to the level as the other two bills, especially LB 1257 which is being amended into it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if LB 1257 is added to LB 953 and it pulls down LB 953, no great harm will be suffered by anybody because