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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the board can't stand, in other words, what is left of the bill because there is no board to do anything?

SENATOR HILGERT: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree that it's an interesting question?

SENATOR HILGERT: I would certainly agree that it's an interesting question, Senator Chambers. I guess we...we could, I suppose, if you insist, I'd hate to do this, the arguments aside, I guess we could draft an additional amendment to get it back in the version of which Governor Johanns wanted it with no voting members of the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not telling you what to do. I'm just raising questions, and the body, you persuaded them. You're smarter than I am in their view because they followed you. Senator Vrtiska followed you. I'm just stumbling around here trying to get some answers as one who is uninformed on matters of the constitution. Do you think it might be good to reconsider the vote that was taken and start again on this amendment?

SENATOR HILGERT: No, Senator Chambers, I do believe...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...that the counsel of the Department of Labor has looked at it, as well as individuals from the administration. When they agreed to this amendment, they agreed to the...that this would stand muster. So I rest on their good judgment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which constitutional lawyer in the administration looked at this, or were their politicians making political decisions?

SENATOR HILGERT: Certainly the people that I had direct contact with I don't think could be characterized as politicians. I am not sure what the constitutional law emphasis of the lawyers