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I'm going to kill the bill. I wanted the opportunity to get some things on the record, and if the body agrees with what Counsel told you, and what Counsel told Senator Hilgert, and what the Governor told Senator Hilgert, and what the Department of Labor told Senator Hilgert, then forget what I'm saying. I've been outvoted. Let the bill stay as it is, but I wanted these things in the record where it's clear that the Legislature had these subject matters before it; that they had the opportunity to do something differently from that which they had done and they chose not to. That's all I'm doing with this discussion. I'm not going to try to rewrite the bill. So...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...my answer is that I can't tell you precisely what they ought to do, but one thing that would save it is if you strip off this amendment and then let them go do some reevaluating and come back with something else, but they probably don't want to do that. I don't...I wouldn't try to rewrite this amendment on the floor myself, even if I was going to try to work with you on it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I appreciate that, Senator Chambers. And, again, my concern was, at the outset, was LB 953. Senator Hilgert wanted to put these two amendments on. I agreed to that. I don't want...I don't want the bill to go down because it has some problems. On the other hand, I know that he's concerned, as many other people, about the ability to get these other bills in place. If they are not constitutional, they don't do any good. I'm caught in kind of a Catch 22 at this particular moment and I don't think Senator Hilgert would want to withdraw the amendment, so I guess I'm going to...I'm going to go with what the majority wants to do, and you got the record established. I appreciate that and I guess we'll go from there. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, at this...at this point, I'm something like Burger King, have it your way, have it your way.