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LB 925

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, are you going to carry this amendment that you're offering to a vote?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I hadn't decided. As you pointed out, I'm...I'm still trying to figure out what the mood of the body is and...and within an hour or so I should have a better read on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) I like Senator Raikes' style. Unfortunately, we have fewer than ten minutes remaining this morning. But I am going to vote against Senator Raikes' amendment. The issue before us, as I see it, is whether or not we're going to support the Hilgert amendment. I intend to. And I started to, in my Irish brogue, which is inimitable, give the phraseology which means Ireland forever, except I would have substituted Hilgert's amendment for Ireland. I will not do that this morning, but I will say in English, Senator Hilgert's amendment forever, on LB 925. And by way of consolation to Senator Landis, you could do a lot worse in terms of what your bill would wind up saying. This is something that is salvageable, it is a positive good, and I genuinely don't believe from my position as a practical politician that LB 925 could survive a veto, and it may not even get that far. And for that reason, Senator Landis, I'm supporting what I think can be obtained.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Wickersham. Senator Raikes, let's get to it. I oppose the Raikes amendment, not because I don't think that there is a reasonable rationale behind it, but it is, again, the quality agenda which should be handled in a systemic manner, not only because of business tax credits but also outside business tax credits, about improving the system as a whole. We need a strategy on that. This is not the right place to do a single piece of work. I remind, Senator Raikes is a no vote on this bill. He voted against having it come out here, so I'm not sure what accommodations need to be made to the opponents of the bill. Senator Wickersham is an old reprobate and there's just