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this bill at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you would still support it today?

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jones. Members of the Legislature, that's a man who spoke the truth then, and he knows it was true then and he knows it's true today, and it is true today. What they were doing with this bill was running a shell game. Some of you may wonder what the final vote was on Senator Jones' amendment. Others had spoken prior to Senator Wickersham and he made reference to some of that other discussion, but to find out all of it, you're just going to have to hang around for awhile. That's what they call in the bus...in the television business a teaser. Give enough to get people interested because they know something else worth paying attention to is going to follow. Senator Wickersham persuaded you all not to strike the emergency clause because he wants to hear some of the transcript, and I shall oblige by reading it, but not just yet. There are some preliminaries I have to get out of the way. Some of these other offerings that I'm making do not go to striking individual sections from the bill. They are what you call the shadow boxing, just trying to feel out the opponent and trying to see how determined that opponent is. I have not really been able to make a determination of that just yet, but I suspect that my colleagues are kind of sitting and watching and weighing in order to feel me out also, and that's fair. Sometimes in the past I have quoted from Teddy Roosevelt, where people are familiar with his having said, walk softly but carry a big stick. But he also, during that same time, told his sons, never strike unless you must, but if you must, never strike softly. So I do not intend to strike softly this evening in terms of my ultimate goal, but I do not feel that every blow needs to be applied with the force of a triphammer. I can perceive in a very leisurely manner and that's what I intend to do. Earlier today I was over here minding my own business, which means meddling in all of you all's business, and Senator Wickersham came over and reminded me of what Senator Withem, who was Speaker of the Legislature at that time, put us through on this bill, and prior to his reminding me of that, I just felt opposition to this bill, which is now the law, but as he spoke,