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SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, first of all, I was always in the position of providing specimens, and not taking care of them. I'm not a pathologist and can't give you an answer that way, and I can find out accurate answers for you. Basically, though, you come down to the...whether you add a specimen or a chemical that would not alter what you're trying to obtain. In other words, if you wanted to keep the blood in a fluid consistency, you might add heparin or some chemical like this that isn't going to change the other things that you're trying to test for. Another thing where there wouldn't be much change in a short period of time is to freeze the specimen. You could say, well, how about drying it or something like that, and in some cases that might be right. Other ones, for tissue, for instance, they actually put them in a paraffin block and this works for a preservative. But, basically, I think the two that you would have is either freezing specimens or that you would add an agent that would keep it in its state that you desire.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. That explains a lot of my questions. And I'm sure that wherever this is kept would have to have the facilities to handle that. I hope that that doesn't bring on a burden and an extra cost in storing these blood samples. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Jensen to close.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just make one comment. We now have over 5,000 of these samples that we are holding. We took 2,400 blood samples and sent to the lab last year. This just puts a time period on there that we will keep them for, at this point in time, two years. And if there is some acceptable language that Senator Chambers can come up with, we could pull it back from Final Reading. But at this point in time, I would just ask for adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question is the adoption of AM0234 to LB 245. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.