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SENATOR BEUTLER: How long has that been going on? I mean you're describing apparently a long-term deterioration in the management of staffs on these two departments to the point that in one instance they are being threatened with the loss of accreditation it's so bad. Is that accurate?

SENATOR LANDIS: You cannot find a place where it's written down that says your accreditation is threatened. The matter is one of the report, and then the characterization that occurs among the administrators. So you can't find, you know, that thing that says if you don't do "X" you will lose your accreditation, in part because when you write that down you are starting in motion the process that you're going to have to follow through, and this is one of persuasion as well as accreditation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But to the extent that they criticized or whatever it was that they were doing and made known to us that we had some kind of problem, it's my understanding that the period of time that we were given to kind of whatever we're supposed to do was in the nature of a year, and that was a year from last summer sometime. Is that accurate?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't know that that's accurate. I haven't posed that question and I haven't gotten the answer to that question. What you say may be true. I don't know that it is. I don't know that it isn't.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, if that were true, would you feel more comfortable that we could allow the bargaining process to proceed for a month or two and pass the bill at the end of the session because it still would be within the time line set out by this agency for whatever it was doing for whatever purpose and whatever had to be done?

SENATOR LANDIS: I, in taking on this bill, made a value choice because I normally support bargaining. I don't like end runs. And, historically, you know, they've been done by both sides, but I haven't normally done that. In this case, I've made a value choice, but I want to be able to control the circumstance and do it quickly. And I put that at a higher premium than I do