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SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...not "shall". Could you talk about that a little bit?

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, I'd invite your response to that.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Beutler, we...what we have...that may also well illustrate why we have involved the Governor. We're saying as a matter of public...we're suggesting to the body by this legislation that as a matter of public policy, at and above 140 percent we believe that it is an emergency situation requiring affirmative action. In the amendment, we are making it discretionary with the Governor, and it will be his responsibility, his or her responsibility to exercise the authority which rightly falls to them as the person ultimately responsible to the people.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, as a person who's been around awhile, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee, let me ask you this. Do you think any governor in his...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: You say I've been around for a while and you're a member of the Appropriations? (Laugh)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do you think any governor in his right mind, having the discretion of whether or not to declare this emergency, would, in fact, declare an emergency?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Any governor in their right mind...any governor in their right mind? Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh) Any governor in their political mind?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Any allows me to get by with just one, Senator Beutler. Any governor in their political mind? Yes.