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we have seen in Nebraska, through comments that I have recently gotten, are there have been some cases where the U.S. Attorney's Office has gotten involved. They have literally gone in and closed down facilities based on the investigation that's been done, but our case law or our records are very limited due to the fact that it's based on whether or not the U.S. Attorney General's Office takes the case or not. We really have no ability to prosecute these under law, depending upon what they are. And it's not only the idea that we would create a system that would hold those accountable who seek to fraud the system, but we would also be setting a standard as a deterrent for those who would be seeking to fraud the system in the future. So that is the background. The legislation that's before you was drafted through the discussions with those entities that you're going to find on your committee statement, the Department of Health and Human Services, my office, and the Attorney General's Office, to try and come up with what we believed was a balance of all parties while still ensuring that we could provide the integrity of the Medicaid system. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to recommit LB 1084 to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not trying to be exceptionally difficult this afternoon, but I find a great amount of difficulty in accepting this proposal which is before us when the committee Chairperson is unaware of some of the language in the bill, and when it's brought to his attention, he doesn't know where it came from; when the introducer has to speculate about where the language came from and does not know which other crimes can be charged under the language of the bill. Now I take this stuff very seriously and I haven't even started going after the Attorney General yet, which I intend to do while we discuss this bill, in one form or another, in one way or another. I would like to ask