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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Erdman. That was only your second time, so you do have one more time. I erred. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wehrbein, members of the Legislature, I intend to vote against the motion to recommit. But in doing so, or before doing so, I wish to express my...some considerable agreement with Senator Chambers about the provisions of this bill. In some cases, they're extremely harsh, as if written by a prosecutor. In other instances, they're particularly light, as if written by a preacher. Let me just...let me give you an example of the light side, and tell me if you don't find this a little curious. This is page 8, line 12 of the bill. And it says that any person who presents a false Medicaid claim is subject to civil liability, except when the court finds that the person committing the violation of the False Medicaid Claims Act furnished officials of the state responsible for investigating violations of the act with all known information...with all information known to such person about the violation within 30 days after the date on which the defendant first obtained the information, and that person fully cooperated with other investigation...other state investigation of the violation, and so forth. The person committing the violation has 30 days in which he can consider some remorse, and then come out and say, I did it. I did it 25 days ago, but I'm admitting it and I'll agree with and cooperate with the investigation, and please let me be all right, and I am. Now I don't know of any other violation of civil or criminal law where the person who violated the law, before they catch him, is allowed to say, I did it, so you don't get to punish me. It's just a curiously written bill. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And I will concur with Senator Beutler's analysis that there are areas of this legislation that are probably a little more lenient--as he said, written by a preacher--and there are areas that would appear to be a little more strict. If you then follow the language in that section that Senator Beutler just referred to, the value in doing that is that the