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SENATOR ERDMAN:      I believe if you look at the green copy of LB 1084, it is closer to the model act than the committee amendment.      And the reason why there may be some things that aren't here that maybe should have been was out of the need to move or to remove different provisions of the law in order to reach some sort of consensus on this piece of legislation.      So your comments on subsection (2) are well noted.      But the reason why some things are as they are is because the model act is probably closer to the green copy than the committee amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      And for the record, once I see a thick or extensive committee amendment that says, strike all provisions, I don't even pay attention to the green copy.      But what I was trying to get at--and if you don't have the answer right now I'm not going to press it--is whether the people who were working toward a consensus on this bill did themselves decide that all...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      ...of these provisions should be in, relative to the punishments and so forth, or did they copy that type of language, either from a model bill or from what they saw other states doing.      Now there are 50 attorneys general, at least, in this country.      Each state has one.      I don't know what the law is in any one of those states.      I don't know what authorities are given to whatever fraud unit, or whatever it may be called, exists in those states...or exist.      To take a bill such as this and say it ought to move is all right to be said, but it would be irresponsible for the body to do it.      And I'm going to go painstakingly through it, not every line, not every word, to try and demonstrate that this is...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      ...not well-crafted legislation.      Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Thank you, Senator Chambers.      Mr. Clerk.