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terminology, which is not yours.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, using your blunt terminology.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. We have to do things a step at a time here, though, don't we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, the reason we have a bill like this is because when the Governor laid out those initiatives there was no money available to fund them, if we were going to look at the General Fund. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, and remember this was...that's 60 days or more ago, and things have changed drastically I would say on February 27, so some of this is in response to February 27.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we took too long a step before these changes occurred and, as a result, when we want to place our lead foot down, there is no ground on which to place it unless we build some ground under it by passing LB 1091. Right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think that's fair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Otherwise, we tumble into the abyss...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of unpaid obligations.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We're always a work in progress until the day we die, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, (laugh) on that cheerful note. (Laughter) Members of the Legislature, what we're discussing here shows that we are not taking a sound approach to what our duty as a Legislature is. This is a stopgap. It will jump us from point A to point B with a