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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if in fact none of these proposals is accepted and nothing is done, where do we stand as a state?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We stand next year with a huge hole, facing the low-level nuclear waste lawsuit, which I don't know what the percentage of the odds are that we have to pay it, but I think it's very high, with an empty hand, so to speak, and behind the eightball in terms of raising that revenue and I think a somewhat very large risk of a high interest rate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the nuclear waste judgment is what is driving the efforts that have been going forth from yesterday and continuing today. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I...yes, I tried to make that clear in what I said. That's my sense of it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you did make it clear, Senator Wehrbein. I just wanted to underline it. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I don't think anything significant is going to be accomplished today so I want to tell you all about something I heard on the radio yesterday as I was...well, last night. I was driving home; both hands on the wheel, both eyes on the road, but my ears are tuned to the radio. I was going around the dial and I heard a voice that sounded so full of sincerity that I listened, because it wasn't on a talk show, but it turned out to be a program with a lady disc jockey and she would play songs by request. So the person with the sincere voice was a man. He had said that a mutual friend of his and a woman was trying to get him and the woman to meet, so they exchanged letters, the man and the woman, exchanged pictures, but for some reason they decided that they ought not meet each other at that time. Nothing was stated as to why they ought not to meet, but the man pointed out that the woman had been deployed overseas and he was very disturbed and troubled, so he was requesting a song. And he said something to the effect, and I'm paraphrasing: she may not hear this program,