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SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...I wonder if at this point in time the other shouldn't be held for another day. But I'll certainly listen to the rest of the discussion and the debate as it moves along this morning, as...and then I'll also try to acquaint myself as to what all this is going to entail in the Health and Human Services area, because that's where the major...the majority of the dollars are going to be concerned. It is wide-ranging. If we're going to change age of majority, yes, it includes all this. If we want to change age of contracting, I think that could be a small portion of that. With that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers, on AM3496 to AM3247 to LB 391.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, sin in haste, repent at leisure. I'm going to tell you what I think, as the oldest member of the Legislature. I, first of all, want you to know that I take seriously what we do when we're legislating. I have probably dealt seriously and in depth with more issues alone than any collection of senators put together. Some senators may have a bill which will take their entire time for the session, or the bulk of it, and I have had to deal with that bill and make corrections and amendments, when it's just one of many that I deal with. So maybe you will give some credence to what I say, and maybe you will not. But when you talk about "blanketly" changing the age of majority, you are affecting every section of statute that relates to a subject where the age of majority is involved. So instead of trying to have a comprehensive bill--that is a nice name to attach to this committee amendment--you should have each subject that is dealt with where the age of majority is involved offered as a bill, and let that bill go to the appropriate committee, and they can conduct a hearing and determine what will be the impact of reducing the age. Those that relate to Health and Human Services should go to the appropriate committee. Those that relate to licensing should go to the appropriate committee. Those that relate to crimes and punishments, the same thing right down the line. But to suggest that because some people