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would create a flaw. Is it a fair summary of your position?

SENATOR BROWN: I would say that on my behalf. And I can't speak for the NEOC, other than to say that this was their language.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you. And then, Senator Chambers, if I may?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MAXWELL: I guess your contention is the reverse, that you're saying the legislation is flawed, and in fact if we don't make the changes you advocate, we stand to lose a half a million dollars or so and create trouble for ourselves down the road?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm saying if you pass the bill, period. But in the interim, while that investigation is going on, I do not want the NEOC to be crippled. If it's decertified, then the money goes, and it's hobbled. But in the meantime, if the money is not taken away right away and you pass this bill, I want to take some of the onerous language out of it. I think any form of it may lead to the...along the line of what it's doing,...

SENATOR MAXWELL: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would lead to decertification. That's...

SENATOR MAXWELL: All right. Thank...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...my view.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Senator. My difficulty here is that there are people and organizations in this debate that are much more knowledgeable than I am in this area of law. I don't know how to choose right now. I don't know how to figure this out. I guess I'll just keep listening. If somebody needs some time, let me know. Actually, Senator Brown, I had mentioned to you I'd be glad to yield some time if you want it. You can have