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SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes. But the amendment that we just passed does take that out of the bill, that we...you know, we do not have to do this. We will do it as we feel necessary on our interim hearings.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Well, your flexibility is certainly important. But beyond the question of flexibility, there are the questions of, one, expense in doing it this way; and two, the setting of precedent in this regard. I mean, if...is this bill going to cause you to put this interim study ahead of any other interim study in particular that might be suggested to you by other senators, for example?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I don't believe so, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So it will be put in the package of suggestions that comes to you, just like an interim study. And your committee will choose which one of those they're going to work with. Is that accurate?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I understand it that way, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And so even though...even if we went forward and passed this as a bill, you might decide not to do this interim study, right?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, I don't believe the study would be asked for if there wasn't a need, either, though, Senator Beutler. But that would be weighed out by the committee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, let's...I mean, let's just make the...let's make an assumption that you're looking at things. You don't know what the other interim studies are. You have the capacity to do so many interim studies; you'll take the ones that are most needed, and do those. Right?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And this one may or may not be in that group. Would that be accurate?