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to address the advancement?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator McDonald, let me come back to you. By passing this bill, do you intend that the General Affairs Committee will be forced to do this interim study?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: I would hope that they would do it on their own. It is just...directs them to look at the statutes and to come back with some decisions.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But was it your intent that this would force them to do that? Or are they...it's at their discretion?

SENATOR McDONALD: I would guess that, looking at a bill, generally a bill is passed to require. You know, I don't know that a bill is ever passed to not require something. But it just requires them to look at the issues. I guess to say it's an interim study might be a misnomer. We're just requiring them to look at the issues.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I appreciate what you're trying to get done. My concern is this, is that we start a precedent whereby what essentially can be done by an interim study, people start to file bills to do. And if we're going to file bills to do interim studies, does that mean then that if a bill is filed and approved by the Legislature that that interim study comes ahead of other interim studies? How many bill...what might we get into here? Can't...let me ask you this. Is it possible...Senator Janssen seems to be very agreeable to doing the interim study. Is it possible that it could be agreed just to do it, without the bill?

SENATOR McDONALD: I suppose it could happen that way.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you, Senator McDonald. I have no more to say about this at this time. But I would certainly encourage Senator Janssen and Senator McDonald to get together and just agree on an interim study. I...it may not seem important to anybody else, but I just don't want to get into a