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reference to what the party wants, decide that it's a legitimate, worthwhile avenue and may undertake to do something along those lines. But if I have been told or if I have understood correctly what I think I have been told, this study is to be comprehensive. Senator Byars is not alone in not wanting this to be done in a vacuum. There is a famous scholar, some people call him a philosopher, some might even call him a physicist, a scientist,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but a paraphrase of one of his most favorite comments, and people can't even give the name of the one who said it, nature abhors a vacuum. Senator Byars abhors the placing of this study in a vacuum, and so do I, so I'm trying to prevent that vacuum-like environment from occurring. I read the amendment so that the record makes it clear what is under discussion. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The floor is now open for discussion on AM1071. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I hear no opposition, I will presume that there is no opposition to the amendment. I really don't think there should be. We're not asking for any financial disclosures to be made by any of these companies, so I will not continue to belabor the issue because, having read the amendment, given what I feel is the rationale, and clearly enough given so that there is no misunderstanding of what is before us, I will let that be what I have to say at this point. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. If Senator Chambers would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.