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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: (Laugh) I'm not encouraging it. But yes, I would agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, I pay attention to what you tell us. You told us that there are three things that the Legislature must do. One of them was to build a budget. The other was to adjourn. Do you remember the third one that you told us?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, we had to open. And then I forgot to mention that you added three more.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the three you added. I meant, the three you gave were...I gave two out of those three correctly,...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you provided the third one. Would you agree?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. But when we were talking the other day, you did mention I neglected to bring up three other items, which had to do with lobbyists.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Right. But I'm not going into that today. I'm going to stay on the budget. What individual bill can you think of that may be more important in its impact on the state than the budget bill?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: To my mind, there is no bill that's as important as the budget.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that other amendments have been divided?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Dividing this bill would give us the opportunity to thoroughly debate, as a committee of the whole,