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LB 424

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But because I bring up issues that people don't like to deal with, there might be a negative reaction to mine, but not one to your approach, such as the one taken in LB 424. Would you agree?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think the body as a whole would rather adopt your approach of kind of a panoramic view, taking in all of these issues and interconnecting them and looking at it as a whole composed of different parts? They'd rather look at it that way than to take them individually as I might choose to do?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think that's true. And I'd like to make a comment in that respect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think...I've always had problems when we, as a committee, review the entire panorama of the various requests, the various agencies of the state, the functioning of our state government. There could always be someone that would come in and say, well, I think you should do this with this particular agency, but they don't have the same opportunity, frankly, that we do to look at the entire picture and see how that fits in the overall scheme. So I think it puts them at a disadvantage, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Would it surprise you if I speculated that the majority of senators have not read all the pages in LB 424, the amendment that the committee put together?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I wouldn't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you say that is more likely to be true or false?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I think we know human nature, Senator Chambers, and I think that...generally, I think people tend to read those things in which they have a primary interest in them. They would peruse some of the other matters. I don't