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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Jensen, Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I gave the body a chance to be spared my discussion. You'd rather hear my discussion than accept what I offered. So this bill reminds me of some words in a song, and they characterize the Legislature: You're going nowhere, but you're going there proud. Nowhere. How much further are you along the trail to getting this thing moved than you were when you came here this morning, or yesterday, or the day before, or when it was first introduced? You're going nowhere. But since it's out here, Senator Jensen is doing what I would do. On the chance that the body is going to be foolish enough to enact this thing into law, I would want the interests that I'm concerned about to be on that wagon when it leaves, on the train when it departs from the station, on the golden chariot, as it wings its way into glory. We're all entitled to that. You all won't listen to me. Senator Smith, interested in going to Washington, Senator Erdman wanting to make sure Senator Smith doesn't get ahead of him, they both vote the same way. What they got to do is stop voting the same way, so that you can see a difference between them. If somebody votes to call the house, one ought to vote yes, and the other one ought to vote no. Show some independence. "Cease debate" is another one of those crucial issues. One votes yes, the other votes no. But they won't listen to me, either. So you're going to listen to me on this bill. Senator Stuhr is trying to be nice. I'd like to ask her a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Stuhr, I'm going to be nice, also. You had mentioned that there would not be enough time during the period when an interim study could be conducted to do this. On page 3, and you don't have to turn there, starting in line 14, "issue a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature by November 15, 2006." That would be next year, in November.