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SENATOR BOURNE: Right.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...and urge us to do somemore fact-finding.

SENATOR BOURNE: Exactly.

SENATOR FOLEY: Would you like to speak to that for a moment, Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: You bet. Yes, Senator Foley, and thank you for your interest. What my amendment would do would drop the language, that says whether impeachment proceedings against Mr. Hergert are appropriate, that's found in the green copy of LR 98, and replace it with this language that would say that and recommend legislative options, which of course would include a censure from Senator Landis. It wouldn't limit the special committee to simply looking at impeachment because, again, I'm not certain if impeachment is appropriate here. And so...but I do think that the situation warrants some additional investigation and that's what my amendment would do. And with all due respect, Senator Foley, if your amendment is adopted, it would prevent us, as a legislative body, from investigating further.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Well, actually, if my amendment were adopted, you could still offer yours in a different form and offer some additional language to add to the resolution. But I think that...I think you're trying to take us on the right track because what I hear you saying is that we ought to slow down just a little bit here and do somemore fact-finding and really explore some of the legal questions here that have not been properly addressed, and they really can't be in an afternoon's discussion. I think these are the weightier questions here and I appreciate the direction that you seem to be trying to take us in. So thank you for your work and we can talk about that in due course, unless you have additional comments, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: I do, Senator Foley. Thank you. And I would say that, you know, we've been here before. We had a