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on your amendment to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have listened to Senator Burling this morning, probably I'm the only one. I wonder if my colleagues have their minds made up already. The purpose of debate is to try to be persuasive, and people should keep an open mind. They don't know what nuggets they may hear as the discussion goes forth, and maybe Senator Burling and I have yet more pearls to cast this morning. My amendment would say, on page 1, in line 13, strike "sixteen." And did I write the number that I would replace it with in that amendment?

CLERK: You did not, Senator. What would you like in there?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would put the number 516. I would strike "sixteen" and replace it with "516." I was trying to draft it as I was engaged in that deep discussion. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I doubt that anybody knows what this amendment would do, so it behooves me to explain it. Senator Burling feels that 2 members would not be good enough, 4 members, nor 8, nor 12. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, when it comes to your philosophy on this bill, even though it will cost the taxpayers more money, you feel that more is better. Is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, up to a point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Up to which point?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, you need a group that's manageable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How large a number would you say is manageable? What was the number you first recommended?

SENATOR BURLING: Thirty.