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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Candidly, I believe that all of the information that could be obtained is already available. And if it was a matter of, not finding new information, but compiling what we already know, that would be perhaps productive.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Don Pederson, wasn't some of that information developed through studies which have been paid for by the state?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Many studies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So in a way, we could say we've got studies we have not even used yet. That could be correct, right?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: We have a number of programs where we've had a lot of studies that have been made. And one that comes to mind is a study that we were going to have for higher education. And many, many dollars were spent on that, but the only time that we ever made real progress was when the Legislature got together under LR 174 and, with legislators bringing in people to talk to them, not being told by someone else what to do, we developed some plans, and they're being implemented now, and we didn't have a lot of expense in connection with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if you were to fulfill a role, by way of analogy--one of them would be an executioner with a hood over his head and an upraised ax, and the other would be that of a...well, of a doctor who's going to deliver a baby--which role would you assume in order to appropriately deal with this bill?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I think that will be up to the Legislature when it comes time to vote on the bill itself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which role would you assume? Or you'd rather not declare it at this point?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I think I've probably indicated some of my thoughts in connection with this, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. You gave two over here, you gave