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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does Senator Don Pederson strike you as somebody who is thoughtful and knowledgeable about the things he speaks of?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think he's knowledgeable about various studies that have already been undertaken on this same type of subject?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes, he is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you hear him say that we have paid for other studies in the past, and that probably whatever information would be developed by the study you're talking about would be available through those studies or other readily accessible sources? Did you hear him say things to that effect?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes. And this bill calls for this commission to utilize those studies from the past in their new findings, so it doesn't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why don't you then call this the redundancy commission, instead of the...whatever you call it?

SENATOR BURLING: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because all it's going to do is go over old territory. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BURLING: This proposal here includes eight state senators on the commission, which has not been done before. And so therefore, I believe that there will be different results than we've had from other studies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why? Because of eight senators on the commission?

SENATOR BURLING: Eight senators are on the commission, and they will see to it that the results of the studies are at least