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SENATOR BEUTLER: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I had said that there's a possibility that as long as your bill is alive you might be able to salvage what you want, meaning your bill without my amendment. If you don't agree to keep it alive, it may die here today. Can I tell you what I would do if I were situated as you are, and I think in the way that I think? Because if I were you, I would think just like you think.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's what I would consider. In the same way that something can happen that causes a negative turn to events, something can happen which would reverse that. And I would look--now remember, I'm in your position--I would look at Chambers and say, there's a flexibility in him overall, which may not be shown on a specific issue, and this is not the issue where he said he wants to bring everything to a halt, this is even a side issue that exists because of a side issue created by a guy sitting on the other side of the aisle, so maybe I could prevail on him to look at it in a broader context. But in any case, I don't have anything to lose if I keep the bill alive, so I'm going to take my shot. I'm going to agree, for the time being, to accept his amendment to eliminate cities of the metropolitan class. I'd be no worse off than I'd be if I reject it. But if I accept it, my bill will move, and I have the possibility of bringing it back into the form that I want it. Did you follow what I was saying?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it make sense to you?

SENATOR BEUTLER: There's a lot of sense in it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, this motion is called one to reconsider. We don't have a lot of time, so I can't give you days to think about it, or even hours. Are you in a position where you can reconsider?