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believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. This goes beyond mere intent language that we've used in the past. But who did you say asked you to call the question?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I had visited with Senator Engel, who had been asked to call the question by Senator Pederson, and Senator Engel came to me and asked me...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which Senator Pederson?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Don Pederson, excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And so does Senator Engel have a mouth?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would hope so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can Senator Engel call the question?

SENATOR ERDMAN: He can.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he tell you why he was not going to call the question himself?

SENATOR ERDMAN: He simply came and asked me if I would call it, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it's...

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...I was the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because he was afraid to take the heat and he wanted a young senator to take the heat, because he's a coward and will not stand behind what he wants to have done? Do you think that was his intention?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I do not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do you think his intention was, then, in asking you to do what he wanted to do but was afraid to do?