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SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, let me stop there and pick up a different part of the conversation later. And thank you for your responses.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Jensen and Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wasn't prepared for this bill to come up as soon as it did. It is very lengthy, very detailed. But in scanning it, I think I see what they're aiming at. And I'd like to ask Senator Jensen a question or two.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Jensen, would you respond, please?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, in general, the purpose of this so-called reform is to require recipients to pay more and to reduce the services, the scope, the amount and duration of services available. Isn't generally that the purpose of this so-called reform?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, I would say not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you answered yes to Senator Beutler about scope, amount and duration of these benefits, there currently is a delay in place where a report has to be made to the Legislature by December 1 of one year, and for one aspect the implementation cannot be before April, for another aspect it cannot be before July 1 of the following year, which allows the intervening of a legislative session. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's being changed, isn't it?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is being changed. And may I go on a little bit there?