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pledge that to Senator Jensen, as we move the bill forward, and said always that I will look at these issues and make certain that people that have needs have those needs met. And I would yield my time to Senator Chambers to carry on his dialogue with Senator Jensen.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers, you have 2 minutes, 40 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Jensen, I was about to make a comment that Abraham Lincoln purportedly made when one of these religious fanatics brought him a book and wanted Lincoln to put the Presidential Seal of Approval on it in the way that George W. Bush joins the conservatives. Lincoln was a courteous person. He was tactful. So what he wrote in this person's book is the following: For people who like this kind of book, this is the kind of book they will like. Some of the things that are being said in this bill have the appearance of being innocuous, when in reality they are not. Increases in cost-sharing and decreases in benefits are the areas where this delay occurs that I was talking about, is that correct, where the report is made to the Governor and the Legislature by December?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then they do not take effect, if changes are recommended, until--let me say it this way, for the ease of expression--a legislative session has intervened or the Legislature has time to review and make a determination. If that delay is taken away, as this bill is designed to do, if the Legislature disagreed with one of these changes which had been implemented prior to the Legislature being able to do anything about it, the Legislature would then be put...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the position of having to take affirmative action to undo something that was done. Isn't that correct?