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circumstances where maybe some program had been hastened into operation and for the Legislature to act would be to undo some activity which would create inconvenience, perhaps even raise constitutional questions as to whether the Legislature could overturn an action. I'm talking about a situation where a change might be proposed and adopted. A contract would be entered to carry that out. Well, because the Legislature cannot constitutionally void obligations of contracts, there'd be nothing the Legislature could do about that. So by adopting Senator Beutler's amendment,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...none of these proposals can take effect until after a complete legislative session has elapsed since the proposal was decided on and made. This is a very good amendment. And I think it is essential to moving this bill in the direction that it ought to go if the Legislature intends to behave responsibly. If this amendment is rejected, the bill should be rejected. I am not going to consent to the prerogatives of the Legislature being usurped, supplanted, or turned over to a bureaucracy which never should have been created in the first place; namely, HHS as it exists now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, please, motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Speaker Brashear would ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 1248 until Wednesday, April 5.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Without objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I might, an announcement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

CLERK: Appropriations Committee will meet in Room 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; Appropriations, Room 2022 at 7:00 p.m.