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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on your amendment, AM3287.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I'd like leave to withdraw that amendment and the one following.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are now open for discussion. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I guess it's sort of rare for me to speak on issues, certainly one of this dimension, one that creates feelings on the part of many members that they really don't like it, but they feel that they're forced to vote for it because of what media may say about them, or what analysis they may make of them. We are now going to see the bill...I would think that the advancement to Select File in fact will go and we will see the bill in Final Reading version with all of the amendments put together. And I wanted to share with the body that, if in fact there still appears that there are traps or pitfalls for the unwary, that the bill, the form as it exists on Final Reading, is not a positive step forward to address the concerns that we've had, particularly with the amalgamation of reporting by the registered lobbyist and how that has reflected upon the members of the Legislature. If the bill did not read as we all believe that it does at this time, I want to share the body that I will file a motion to return to Select File and we will discuss those shortcomings again yet in the next day or two, so...whenever the Speaker puts it back in. That's not a warning or anything; that's simply an observation and I think a valid one at this point in time because many members don't understand what's in it. It covers both sides of a complicated arrangement, that is the registered lobbyists as well as the reports that are required by members of the Legislature or other elected officials. And the conversation, I think, was one that didn't enable many of my colleagues to get as clear a picture of the whole thing as what they should have. So we will, at this point in time, I will support the advancement of LB 1021 to