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FLOOR DEBATE

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LB 543? All in favor of that motion vote aye; opposed nay. We're voting on the Chambers amendment, FA210, to the committee amendments to LB 543. Have you all voted who care to?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Record vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record vote has been requested. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1656.) 6 ayes, 31 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA210 is not adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the Catholics are going to keep us on this bill a good long time. And I've had recommendations made to me of other programs I ought to go after in the budget and I'm willing to do that. But I want the amendments that I offer to be properly drafted, so it will take awhile to get around to doing that, and I'm willing to stay on this bill. And I would like to be able to be assured that the Governor is going to approve of this money, but so far I haven't gotten that assurance. And there will be other programs which we will battle over and then the Governor, with a red pencil, will make all of it that we did nugatory. But I'm actually enjoying being able to hold the budget this easily. The reason I say "easily", because I'm dealing with a substantive issue. The amount of money is not overwhelming, but the principle is gigantic and the principle is to what extent the Catholic Church can dictate what this Legislature does and that's what the issue is and I'm just serving notice to the church and its minions that they don't control me and they're not going to, by any means, find a way to stop me from saying what I think ought to be said on this floor where we're dealing in politics. The church has chosen to get