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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, FA929.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, second verse same as the first. I'd like to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, FA930.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would ask to withdraw this amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, the final amendment I have is FA931. (Legislative Journal page 1046.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just so people will know what these amendments were aimed at, that tobacco fund from which money is being taken is the one that my amendments were designed to rescue to the extent that I could. I had drafted amendments which would have reduced the amount that would be taken to \$1 million. That wouldn't pass, then \$2 million, then \$3 million, then \$4 million. I withdrew the others until I got to \$4 million. Now I'm in a position to offer one million amendments because I can take us by increments from \$4,000,001 up to \$5,000,000, so whereas I may have seemed very reasonable in withdrawing those other three, I traded three for one million. Here's a definition of individual that a person once gave. One million of the populace divided by one million produces the individual. I don't know what kind of sense that made, but it is how one person defined individual. I am going to withdraw this amendment, too, but I want to say a few words because the point has been reached where I am well aware that the body is not going to substantially change this bill. The Governor prevailed. He probably will prevail on LB 1309 also. Since we do have a limited amount of time in this session, yes, thinking institutionally now about the Legislature, that does carry some weight with me, and there are bills which are very important that we're going to have to