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is how this will impact me; 25 is too old; 25 is too young. I don't know, I just...what I'm trying to say to you is that when we are making such a significant policy change...this bill will become law in a matter of weeks. It's going to go back on to Final Reading. I assume it will pass. It appears to have the votes. But what I am suggesting strenuously is that we are cutting off significant public debate by advancing such a major policy shift at this late date. I appreciate Senator Preister's comments. He said he was on the committee. And then I had other people tell me that, like the changing the decibels from the...on the airboats to it cannot exceed 96 decibels, that was because one individual complained. I don't know if that's true or not, but if one individual complained, that's why we should change our law at the last minute and cut off public debate? That doesn't even make sense. But, on the other hand, maybe it was more than one person that complained. Maybe a thousand people complained, but the point is, is we don't know. We don't know. What is 96 decibels? Senator Hudkins did a good job of explaining but, not to criticize her in any fashion, but maybe she's not right. I mean pure of heart, of course, but maybe 96 decibels is too low. She said that a hair dryer had a significant number of decibels. But my point is, okay, if we pass this, does that ban airboats on the Platte River? I don't know. And maybe they should be banned. I don't know. But if...the point I'm trying to say here is that we're adopting something at the last minute. We're cutting off one of the major sources of information, that's our constituents, the people we represent. They will not have input on this. Senator Erdman says trust me and then we'll change it the next time on Final Reading. Well, is that fair to Senator Schrock? I assume that there's a reason that he has the original bill. Well, I don't know. I'm just concerned. I'm going to vote no on the adoption of the amendment. I'm going to vote no on the bill. Senator Schrock, I'm sorry. I don't know if you have the votes. This is improper, it's inappropriate. We have cut off debate. We have cut off public input and I don't think it's right. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. The issue before the body is the Erdman amendment, AM1033, to LB 305. Those senators wishing to speak to that amendment, Senator Erdman,