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and the applications that have been made, honored, and contracts signed, to do that this session in these two bills, LB 479 and LB 1085 (sic--LB 1065). That needs to be done. We can't afford any more of this kind of exemption, and we need to make sure until such time as we can there aren't any new ones. This makes good sense strictly from a financial point of view. Secondly, let's imagine there's a constitutional difficulty. You and I don't know. I could be wrong. I haven't been...I've never stood up in front of the Supreme Court and argued a case so, unlike Senator Chambers, who has done exactly that several times, and I understand successfully on any number of them, I've never done that. I just remember the black letter of the law they taught me in law school, and I'm saying this isn't an impairment of contract. But you know what? If it is, that's for the courts and not us to decide. That's why we have courts. In the open question, when it's unclear, I think the question is, what's the policy that we want to have? And right now we can't afford 26 applications. We can barely afford four. We need to send the clearest possible message that we're done until such time as we can afford and reaffirm this program. We cannot afford it now and we are limping across the finish line with the monies that are in LB 1085...LB 1065. I'm not sure what the number is. And we certainly need to do all of the reform that's in LB 479. I oppose the Schrock amendment. I oppose any signal that sends the door is open any amount of light. Samuel Beckett, in one of his plays, wrote a stage direction that says door imperceptibly ajar. He was invited in one day to look at a rehearsal for this play. He looked up on stage and the door was open a couple of inches and he asked, you're not following the stage directions? And the director said, I don't know how to follow the stage directions for a door imperceptibly ajar. Beckett stood up, walked on stage, and slammed the door shut; that is a door imperceptibly ajar. What we need here is an exemption that is imperceptibly ajar, and this is a crack of light. I'm sure that Senator Schmit delights in that fact; I don't. I oppose the amendment. I'm going to vote red.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Schrock amendment, AM3374, to LB 479. Senator Kremer, followed by Senator Hartnett and others.