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SENATOR CUDABACK: We'll take a short pause, members. Members, if you would, please, please report back to the Chamber at about 12:25.

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SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senators, it is time for the Legislature to reconvene. Would you please return to the Chamber. It is time for the Legislature to reconvene. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, next bill on the agenda is LB 841. The first item on that bill is a motion by Senator Erdman to return the bill. My understanding is he wants to withdraw that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, Senator Byars would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, AM3285. (Legislative Journal page 1216.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Byars, you are open...(laugh) you are recognized to open on your amendment...on your motion.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Madam President. I'm...it's wonderful to open to open. (Laugh) I really appreciate that. Madam President and colleagues, this is the provider tax amendment or the...that we offered on Select File. There was some question mark by Senator Bourne relative to the distribution of the part of this that provided matching funds for Beatrice State Developmental Center. If you remember the basic bill itself is a granting of a tax exemption that has been granted informally for over 20 years and we put in statute. And on top of this, we are amending it with LB...what was LB 1224 which allows us, with the Center for Medicaid Services'