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to survive. I've got to overlook a lot that I hear and see in order not to lose my mind and do what those kids bungled at...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when they went to that school, Columbine. You all don't know the impact of some of what you all say, because you're not dealing with somebody who is a blank tablet, you're dealing with somebody with six decades of experience around people just like you all. Mr. President, I want to withdraw that pending motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK. Mr. President, Senator Brown would move to return LB 625 to Select File for a specific amendment, FA1689. (Legislative Journal page 1617.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, the issue of the funding is a very serious issue. I believe completely that HUD will review it, will still find us substantially in compliance. But as Senator Bourne and Senator Chambers said, it's an issue of relative merits versus risks. And this amendment would delay the implementation date till October 1 of 2005, which would be more than sufficient time to have the review completed by HUD to make sure that we are in substantial compliance, to make sure that the \$500,000 is not jeopardized, and allow us time to rectify the situation if I am wrong and Senator Chambers and Senator Bourne are right. And I would urge the adoption of the amendment, and the advancement of the bill. I still believe that LB 625 is an important bill, and I want to see it happen. I'm more than willing to let that be delayed, to prove that we're not going to jeopardize this agency's funding, to prove that the exemption that HUD talks about in their letter, and what the NEOC board and executive director have...the conclusion they've come to, is accurate. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Brown,