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LB 1249

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...isn't going to solve the problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Brown, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Yeah, this doesn't happen often, the reconsider motions, but I figure if we're on it and we are actually going to take this to a vote, I'd like to try to inform the body, to the best of my ability, as to what my goals are and what I'm trying to accomplish. Let me reiterate a little bit. If we get to that point where we're going to vote on this, this amendment removes the statewide provisions of LB 1249. So consider what that means for a second, please. Some of my colleagues in areas throughout the state, in rural areas throughout the state, understand that we have not established yet, nobody has, a clear problem in those areas. The only one that I can remember, and the only one that's ever really come to my attention, was the Hastings/Lockland Kinder Morgan issue. This is not that big an issue in the Panhandle. This is not that big an issue in Cherry County. This is not that big an issue in Sheridan County. There are a lot of folks around, and I've sat on Ed Schrock's Natural Resources Committee. There's a lot more folks out there using propane in some of those areas. This could be an issue 25 years from now, granted, but right now it's just not that major, and I think that that needs to be clear. All the provisions creating maps and detailing who serves what, where, and to whom, I'm eliminating. I just don't think we need those, and I haven't heard a real...again, a real compelling reason to go ahead and drive forward with that. That's a bureaucracy. We're eliminating it. This retains...the amendment retains the reversed provisions of LB 78. We are fixing the statute. That's what I and others who have had a hand in this are trying to do, is fix the statute that we have right now. And I can't say it enough, that it's different than what Senator Landis is trying to do, because the first piece of what I'm trying to do is say, we don't need what he's trying to do. He's made an eloquent argument; that's fine. But quite honestly, I think