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SENATOR CUDABACK: (Machine malfunction)...Senator Mines. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Landis. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Mr. President, I will yield my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Laugh) Tempers are running just a little short, aren't they? About that time of the day. (Laughter) There's a way out of this. There's a way out of this. The problem is that both parties are using the other eight bills as hostages. Ed is doing it; he says I'm sorry to do it to you, but I'm going to hold your other eight bills hostage. And so is Mick, saying you know what? You don't pull this thing, and eight bills are going to fail. Apparently, we have an unresolvable plight. Now I've got a little pony in here that's going to never see the light of day; it's LB 1105. LB 1105 is at the bottom of the list, and we're never going to pass it, and you know why? Because Ernie is dead set against it, and the city council in Omaha is one vote away from doing a deal that will help Omaha by \$50 million, and North Omaha by \$5 million, and they won't do it. So LB 1105 is dead. It's just...in other words, it has no life, but it's still on the schedule. What we could do is, we could maybe either pass over or move LB 1113 down next to LB 1105, take Mick Mines' bill and stick it in LB 1105, and then let Ed Schrock argue it and vote it either up or down on its merits, rather than the merits of the other eight bills that are now being justified on this floor. If Mick Mines wants an up or down vote on his bill, he should get it without a filibuster, and Ed, you shouldn't take eight other bills with you when you go, when there's a bill right here I volunteer to both of you, to put your issue in, have your fight, and leave the rest of us alone to pass our eight bills. I'm thrilled that Senator Beutler finally came over to Senator Cunningham and said, you know what? I guess I won't run the minimum wage bill on LB 489. I guess the bill that's worked out we can do without a filibuster. And I would suggest at this point, with where we are, we take a look at the bills that are on the list and do them without trying to jackhammer into this agendas that didn't