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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Landis, about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Madam President, Senator Will tells me that he's going to withdraw the amendment at this stage and then seek to apply it on Select File, if that's appropriate. And I just want to get 30 seconds in before that happens. I think that's appropriate. The bill probably deserves to move today, that's all right as far as I'm concerned. What I don't want to have is a replay of this on Select File. Between now and Select File we deserve a showing, a kind of showing that one would make if one had a bill. Now, whether that's in an open session with the Revenue Committee, or whether it's in front of the General Affairs, or whatever, it seems to me that this showing should be made in more than simply the lobbying effort out in the Rotunda. My hope would be that between now and Select File debate on this that there is a showing of need for the amendment, and that that showing be conducted in public, so that interested members of the Legislature can do that, rather than simply buying more time for lobbying, that we also have some kind of a public showing in there and slip it in at the noon hour, at one o'clock for 20 minutes, or half an hour, in front of the Revenue Committee or the General Affairs Committee as to the justification. That's the goal I would like to see happen between now and the Select File debate. Senator Will asked me if they...if I had any time left if I could give it to him, and I'll be happy to do that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Landis, for your time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: Just very quickly, I do intend to withdraw this amendment. Obviously, it is my opinion that the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben, as explained by Douglas County, certainly does have the best interests of the people of the County of Douglas and of the State of Nebraska in mind. Obviously, I would not be carrying the bill if I didn't think that was the case. I think some good questions have been raised during the debate this morning. I think it's on Douglas County's shoulders at this point to explain the need for this amendment. And I think Senator Landis probably has suggested a wise course of action.