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the Schmit amendment to the Dierks amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Schmit amendment to the Dierks amendment to LB 1063. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 8 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Is there anything further on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to Senator Dierks' amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, Senator Schimek, do you wish to be recognized on Senator Dierks' amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I would just like to say to Senator Dierks that I probably went a little bit overboard and I would like to apologize to you, Senator Dierks, because I think that you are a sincere person and I think that this was...this was something that you wanted to do and I respect that. I guess, what I would like to say to you is I think that your purpose is worthy and if I didn't think so, I wouldn't have introduced a program evaluation bill earlier last year because I do think that there are some areas of state government that can be cut and I think that we need to evaluate those very carefully. I don't think those decisions can be made in an afternoon, however. But if you would like to propose something for future study or work, I would be most...most happy to participate in that. I think that you have touched on a nerve. I hear this from my constituents. I'm sure that everybody in this body hears this from their constituents. And, with that, I would just like to give you some of my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, Madam President, thank you, Senator Schimek. No apology needed. No apology needed. I understand that what I am attempting is difficult because I went through a lot of soul-searching to get this to where I have it now and I also understand that for this to be viable we would have to spend a lot of time to do it. But I think it's necessary for us