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only doing their job when they do refuse a purchase. But, again, if it's confusing, if we need to clarify, I certainly would be willing, and I think Senator Cudaback would be willing to work with Senator Matzke or anybody else. But I wanted to thank Senator Tyson because I think he gave a very good explanation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The Chair recognizes Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Just a quick question, as I was looking over the bill again and thinking up here, Senator Cudaback, could you answer for me please if this was talked about, will...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...this do anything to hurt our bidding process? Is there going to be an inclination to say, hey, we don't have to put this to bid, we've got a credit card, we can go to town and buy it? It doesn't say anything in the bill about that. You know, we've got a bidding process so we can buy what we think is best for the lowest price, and I'm afraid this might even hurt that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pedersen, the people that now charge, it will not change that relationship. Instead of going down and say, charge this, they will simply give the card...that person now doesn't have the opportunity to bid or whatever. He works for the state in whatever capacity. That won't...it's got nothing to do with the bidding process, I mean.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: But it doesn't say that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess I don't...I really don't understand your question about bidding.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Well,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: If they want to charge it, they can already charge it. Any, like the Country General, Coast to Coast, if