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think will happen always seems to do that to you, and then it's brought up in a context where it isn't quite as clear about your motivation. Senator Landis read to you extensively from a section of law that provides for powers of an entity. Those may or may not be their public purposes, Senator Landis. And while the power sections are often very extensive in their scope and turgid in their language, I don't know that we have quite that difficulty when we do get down to brass tacks defining public purposes of public entities. But if the language that we have defining public purposes for public entities is as bad as Senator Landis wanted to suggest, then if we pass LB 271 in the form it now stands, we will very carefully examine that language. And perhaps we should, because if we have adopted language that is so turgid that only three people in this body can read it and understand it, then we need to go back to work. And I'm assuming a lot of that work would go to the Government Committee, and I'm perfectly happy about that. (Laughter.) But I hope you understand the point that I'm making, that it is incumbent upon us to examine what the public purposes of the various public bodies, political subdivisions that we have authorized, are. And if the passage of LB 271 in the form it's now presented to you, without Amendment 1492, forces us to do that, that is, I would suggest to you, kind of an ancillary benefit of the bill. On the other hand, if we kind of just ease off into the night, and kind of have tiptoed up close to doing something, but we adopt instead 1492 so that we can just ease off into the night and say to the taxpayers, well, we passed a bill...you passed a constitutional amendment, we passed a bill...and nothing changed at all, nothing changed at all. Thank you very much for your effort, and we hope you thank you for ours.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Bromm on the Landis amendment to LB 271. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I had a couple of questions. This bill has a worthy purpose, but there are lots of questions. And I...and as I listen to this discussion...and I'd like, perhaps, Senator Landis to respond to this, if he would. As I think of your amendment and I think of the rest of the bill, I...and I have been concerned with Educational Lands and Funds. What would be the effect on Educational Lands and