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don't get...but, I am kind of offended, a little bit offended because we have taken...the bill was brought, as I think I've mentioned to you off the mike, it was very broad. And we tried to tighten it down. And, if we need to work together, I'd be glad to do that with you, Senator Beutler, you know, and...and hopefully...because I think it's very important that we do this, because it puts us in line...it gives us some opportunities to get in line with the federal government. So I'd be glad to work with you, Senator Beutler, you know. I think we've worked on other issues that we've been of difference, so I'd be glad to do that with you. And I support Senator Chambers' amendment. I don't think that was...but I'll give my time back to Senator Brown.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, did you want your time back?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. The bill is broad. There are a lot of people who have taken a lot of time to understand the various aspects of it. Part of the reason that the bill is so broad is that it's the first time in many, many years, since the early forties, that we have examined the statutes, that we've dealt with them, and it's in a totally changing environment. But I can...I can speak to the Chambers' amendment to say that we are more than willing to work with individuals who have particular issues with the bill. We negotiated very much in good faith with Senator Chambers. There were things that he interpreted a certain way that we felt were critical, and we were able to work those out. There were other pieces that he felt absolutely needed to be out of the bill, and we were able to work those out. I support the Chambers' amendment. And I think that to me it's indicative of the kind of work that's gone into this bill. And I don't want anybody to think that this is something that just happened yesterday. The Urban Affairs Committee has been working on this for a long time. The NAHRO group has worked on it a long time, and I've worked on it quite a bit, and worked quite a bit with Senator Chambers. And so this is a bill that has changed enormously. The Urban Affairs Committee has made it tight, made it particular for Nebraska. And so I...I...I'm very proud of the bill, I'm proud of the work we've done with Senator Chambers to arrive at this amendment and would support the Chambers amendment.