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not an acorn. This is the, I think, 30th attempt by Senator Chambers to get this bill somewhere. I accused him, or mentioned to him, that I thought that this bill was another step in his ongoing demonstration of cordiality and affection towards our present Attorney General, and he indicated that this was a bill he had introduced since he got here, so this is probably the 30th...30th time around. The problem with this bill is, as I mentioned before, it removes an identifier. Now, you can have someone file for office, very attractive candidate, one that has hair, straight teeth, nice...nicely dressed, very glib, and a nihilist or, 150 years ago, a know-nothing, or a Marxist, or maybe even a Republican or a Democrat. But without the identifier, you don't know. He has escaped the sieve. He has escaped the winnowing process. Once you get on the ballot you need the support of an organization and you need to let it know who your support is. Who your support is matters. That's why candidates seek endorsements. Once you get on the ballot you can discuss all the issues, but under the present system, I would submit to you, that that debate is more quickly and more closely framed. A number of years ago I was affiliated, this is before the beginning of written history, I was affiliated with an organization in Douglas County called Republicans for Exon, and I don't regret that at all. As a Senator from the 19th District, I represent everybody in that district, Republicans and Democrats. I represent my mother-in-law, who is a Republican. I represent a Democrat who is my wife. I represent all of them with equal fervor, and other Republicans and (laugh) Democrats as well. I urge you...and I never thought that I would be on the floor here talking about something that Senator Schimek and I agree upon, but we have finally found it. I urge you to think about this from a standpoint of the practical application of this bill and, if you're either a Democrat or a Republican, I urge you to vote against it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. There are no further lights. Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your advancement of LB 510?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I would like to address a couple of things that were made, points made by other senators. Senator Schimek said that the Attorney General's Office is a political office. It is