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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, did you...I think you requested the roll call? Go ahead. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 548.) 15 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Redfield amendment is not adopted. I do raise the call.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks, you're recognized.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just hope that enough of you will listen that are still here, because of the call, to understand that I think when our citizens see what we're doing today, when our constituents see what we're doing to them with this type of legislation, we're...I think that we are giving them somewhat of an arrogant piece of legislation. We're saying we don't trust you, you don't know how to do these things right and we're going to regulate you right out of business. I think it's very unfortunate and I hope that the bill will not advance. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schimek, did you wish to close on LB 729?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, thank you for your patience and the discussion this morning. I guess I would like to just add one last line or two about what the bill does now, because the amendment does become the bill. And in case there is any lingering doubts in your mind, the amendment takes care of the separation of powers issue. It will no longer be up to the Secretary of State to be involved in any way that would jeopardize that issue of separation of powers. It does not expand the Secretary of State's duties at all, and it gives...but it gives an earlier time when a court challenge could be mounted, and in addition it does add language which does define legal sufficiency. With