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SENATOR CUDABACK: Did you wish to open or did you open at the same time?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, I would simply indicate, Mr. President, as it relates to the committee amendment, that the amendment, we are simply in the committee amendment shuffling some language to try to bring greater clarity on this issue to the electorate who will have to pass this on a...on the general election ballot. And that's the only purpose for the committee amendment is clarification. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendment and the advancement of the CA. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 291CA. Senator Chambers, did you wish to discuss the committee amendments?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. Members of the Legislature, not only do I want to discuss the amendment, I want to discuss the bill, and I intend to spend a little time this morning talking about the state of the judiciary. They have among their number individuals who commit vile acts, acts which should justify removal of those judges. There are people other than myself who are made aware of these inappropriate actions, and nothing of significance is done. Whether anybody on this floor or off this floor realizes it, a part of the job description for a state senator is not to have to police the judiciary and the legal profession, but with the rogues, the scamps, the scalawags, the lecherous individuals who repeatedly engage in acts of sexual harassment and other types of misconduct, it is necessary that something be done about that situation. What I handed around this morning is a two-sheet handout. It deals with former Judge Bryce Bartu. You will notice that on the first sheet it talks about the complaint that I filed and what it consisted of. The only comment attributed to Bartu in the paper was "It sounds like old news to me." What he was referring to was the fact that the Judicial Qualifications Commission had let him escape unscathed and rewarded for the wrongful conduct he engaged in toward female court employees and other women, at least one of whom was his client when he was a practicing attorney. He'd grab their breasts, their buttocks, made all types of lewd, inappropriate invitations, pushed one woman down on the bed, kissed her,