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just...I just don't believe that there is a significant problem there. But I have to honestly tell you maybe we need more information. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Lynch, on advancement of LB 352. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the advancement of LB 352? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Crosby, did you wish to close?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you very much. I will just say a couple of things very quickly. We...between now and Select File I am going to give everybody a memo so you understand the funding and what the federal government does as far as an independent commission such as this being able to leverage funds. And, in many ways, they probably will be able to leverage more, plus the fact that, as I've said before, through benign neglect or whatever HHS has really not been innovating. I guess I'll use that word innovating. They've just sort of let things go along and not tried to bring this group of people the services they need in the twenty-first century. But also I want to make one thing very clear right here before we...before I close. The Federal Rehabilitation Act specifically creates an option for states to create their own independent agencies for the blind because they recognize that the needs of the blind are different than the needs of other disabled people. Blind people don't thrive under a medical model. They thrive under a rehabilitation model. And I know there's been...we could pass around some clippings right now, we'll do that again later, to show you some of the things they do these days that 30...even 30 years ago they wouldn't have thought of trying to help the blind cope with not being able to see. So, with that, I do thank you very much for voting...not voting for the kill motion and I will very greatly appreciate your vote to move it to Select File and in-between now and Select File I'll give you just every bit of information that you want and maybe more than you want. Thank you.