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That's not very helpful. So his amendment is not a good amendment in any sense in my opinion. I don't think it is his intent, but this sounds to me like a Walt "Radcliffean" amendment where you try to take that which is totally obnoxious and try to render it less so. It is not an amendment that those of us who are in opposition to this kind of disparate treatment would agree to. If you vote for his amendment, you're voting for an exemption for this class of persons. If you agree with the bill, then you'd vote for his amendment to try to rescue it. If you're not in favor of the bill, then voting for his amendment is voting an exemption. If we're talking now not about a straight line or a crooked line, but about cleanliness, either something is clean or it is not. So he's saying with his amendment we're going to make it half clean. Well, no, there's no half clean; it's dirty. So his amendment is not going to make a bad thing better. It's going to take a principled position and sully it. I will not vote for Senator Beutler's amendment. Before I would vote for his, I would have voted for Senator Janssen's by saying he is asking us for a specific type of exemption for which he gave a rationale. Senator Beutler is asking us to vote for an exemption which he cannot even provide a rationale for. He's not in favor of LB 171. So I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question, if I may, because now we've gone from slow pitch softball to fast pitch hardball. Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Will you yield to a question, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You bet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, as it stands, do you favor LB 171?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.