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going to announce to both of them I'm going to vote "no" on the Kristensen amendment, "no" on the Beutler amendment, and "no" on LB 171.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Wickersham, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, the amendments that are now being offered, and I agree with Senator Landis, the amendments being offered by Senator Kristensen and Senator Beutler are designed to make the bill palatable, but only to make the bill palatable from one standpoint and that's money. They're trying to make it palatable to you for money. Now that begins to tell me that the real issue here is just plain old money. This doesn't have anything to do with a federal mandate. This doesn't have anything to do with state tax policy. This doesn't have anything to do with helping out some poor helpless industry in the state of Nebraska, particularly one like the broadcasters. It doesn't have anything to do with any of that. What this has to do with is money. Money, money that other people have paid for identical circumstances and money that will be paid by other people in identical circumstances. Because my guess is, and at least my prayer is, that if 25 of you, for some odd reason, decide to vote for this bill and if it passes and if the Governor signs it, that we would never, never ever do anything like this again. But how are you going to guarantee yourselves that that will be the result? So I don't think that I'm...I know I'm not going to support Senator Kristensen's amendment; I'm not going to support Senator Beutler's amendment. If this is about money then, by gosh, we ought to get with it and spend it. Why should we piddle around having it, massaging it? It's just money, so let's just take our chances with money. If 25 of you want to spend money then that's what, by golly, you ought to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one of the things that makes me strong in this body and everywhere else that I am is that I am one of those suckers and one of those fools who does have principle, and I will stand by