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SENATOR CUDABACK: The body will stand at ease for about five minutes.

EASE

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Recorder malfunction) ...I think it's time we can move on at the moment and recognize whoever else is ready to speak. Thank you for the time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That is your light, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, I think I used my light to ask for the ease. I'll put back in order. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska. I'm sorry, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, here's where we are. We have a bill dealing with economic development in the rural area. I had lost my battle on that and was won over to supporting it. We have a bill now which can easily be amended into that bill. And Senator Beutler pointed out the benefits to Senator Vrtiska based on what he's trying to do in his bill by folding it into LB 1348. Senator Wahrbein has agreed that his bill can be amended. So where is the holdup? I wouldn't just say bracket Senator Vrtiska's bill if there was no vehicle or means by which to get what he wants or says that he wants into another bill. All of that is available. There are people on this floor who would be happy if I just wouldn't oppose their bill. But they would be very pleased if something like this were offered where your bill moves from this location to a more advanced location placing it closer to enactment. How can that be construed as me attacking him and his bill? Senator Beutler shared with you an amendment which shows how easy it is to incorporate into LB 1348 all that LB 1222 purports to accomplish. He even mentioned benefits. Instead of a match of 50-50, it's 25; it's 25 percent instead of 50 percent. That's what he would gain. Instead of a maximum on the grant of \$50,000, it becomes \$75,000. There is nothing lost by Senator Vrtiska if this is done. What we need to do as a Legislature is to determine whether it is wise or not to take the time to continue working on a bill when it is not necessary