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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...portfolio that you have, which Senator Baker has spoken of today. So we...all these things plus other concerns, I'm sure, caused us to pass LB 1205. And I wasn't at the hearing on this bill but from what's been said I think it is probably pretty obvious that the intent to comply with LB 1205 is being somewhat stymied or thwarted by the strange way that they have decided to start sales by taking 25 times the rental as a starting bid, which is somewhat unheard of. I have never heard of such a haphazard method, but, rather, there should be an effort made to start it at closer to the fair market value, which I think Senator Baker's bill goes a long ways to try to adopt that system. I see nothing wrong with that. That is in keeping with their...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...fiduciary duties in every way, shape, or form. I think it's just a better way for them to operate if we choose to support this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers on the amendment, and this will be your third time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't see any need for this bill at all. Senator Kristensen made a very good observation, and most of the senators were not here at the time, but he pointed out that this 75/25 split, where 25 percent of the portfolio is in land, is a relative thing. It's not an absolute number of acres, but as the value of stock continues to go up and up then the relative value of the real estate compared to that can very well be 25 percent or less. And our colleagues want to hurry up and have a fire sale for their friends, which I'm not in favor of, so I need to ask Senator Baker a question. And this is not a loaded question, Senator Baker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING