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LB 1010

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend. (AM3231, Legislative Journal page 1533.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This bill, as you remember, deals with the educational lands of this state. The amendment that I have up here was based on the debate that we had last round where Senator Baker was talking about the rate of return on investment as done by the State Investment Board or the Council, that that rate of return was roughly 8.5 percent. Given the fact that we have had some disagreement in here as to whether it's better to keep that land and keep it as agricultural land or investment land or sell it and put the proceeds into other more diversified investments, stock market. My amendment would say that those lands, you cannot sell those if the investment or if the income that you earn from the agricultural interest, let's say the rental interest of that, is greater than what you would ascertain through the investment done by the State Investment Board. So in other words, if the land is making money through leases, through other areas of the agricultural interest, you can't sell it at that point in time. The reason you do that is I'm afraid what they're going to go out and do is sell the best land first, the most productive land, because it will generate the most amount of money. If that's true, I think that's imprudent. I don't think that's in their best interest. I don't think that's in our best interest to be done. What I'd like to do is introduce this, hear Senator Baker's response. I have to grab a file of mine to get the other points of the amendment that I want to bring out. So instead of taking that time at this point in time, I would yield my closing (sic) back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We are debating the Kristensen amendment, AM3231, to LB 1010. Those wishing to speak on that amendment are Senators Baker, Wehrbein, Bromm and Jones. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I've