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land manager, if you want to buy it you're going to have to pay...make us an offer of at least what you paid for the land surrounding it. And that...right there, they're not going to steal this land. The board still has plenty of power. I really resent the board taking our school children's money and paying a lobbyist \$15,000 to lobby against this bill. I walked across the hall and I said, what's he being paid to lobby against this bill? Fifteen thousand dollars. Is that a good expense, a good way to spend money that should go to our school kids, spending \$15,000 to lobby against this bill so they can maintain status quo? They have played games with the public time and again at hearings. They played games with us at setting the appraised rental value so-called as the market value which it's not. And the come along now and get an amendment...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...introduced here to basically just give them free reign to continue to play games. How would you like to be going to an auction and say you had the high bid and then you still don't know what's really happening, more games being played with you. You don't know whether that is expected or that sale price is going to be accepted because you don't know whether it's a high enough rate of return for some unknown expected value of long-term undefined terms. We don't need this amendment. I'll vote for Senator Bromm's amendment, but a vote overall for the, you know, I will not vote for the overall amendment. His amendment does help but it's not needed. It is addressed already in the bill. The board shall determine whether or not to offer the tract of land for sale after they've had this person or entity request that it be sold and it's not going to be given away or stolen. It's still a public auction with a minimum bid of what the fair market value is. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Those wishing to speak are Senator Schmitt, Raikes, Bromm, Kristensen, Chambers, and Jones. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President. I wasn't going to get into this at all, but I was listening to what Senator Kristensen was saying over there, and I just wasn't sure, as Paul Harvey would say, we were getting the rest of the story. So I guess I