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plan to do this next year before session begins, and that is to sit down with whoever wants to come, it's not...I'm...there's no way that I want to mandate this, but I think it's incumbent that we have a practical, working briefing, done by legislators, using real life examples of what needs to be reported, and I would offer to do that. I have a lot of members that come to me now saying what about this, what about that. Some I go to Accountability and Disclosure with; some I answer on my own, that I think I do know the answers to. But that a working group and a presentation before each session is essential to do so that innocent people can do the right things. And I think today's discussion pointed out that you can be very well-meaning and have a revelation of, oh, my goodness, I didn't report that, I should have reported that, to try to avoid those in the future. Does no good to have these disclosure laws if they aren't put to a practical test that's usable by the members. And I would suggest to you that's what I plan to do next...probably late next fall, right before session, so it's fresh in members' minds. With that, I would urge the advancement of the bill at this point in time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on advancement of LB 1021?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do appreciate the time and the effort that was put into dealing with this bill on the floor, and I especially am grateful for those who were meeting to put the amendment into the form that has now become the bill. If it is difficult for us to grasp everything based on the amendment, after all the work had been done, imagine what those who spent time bringing us to this point had to do in terms of going back and forth, having a draft, then redoing it and redoing the redo. So there have been a lot of people who put in a lot of work. And what I started to do is something like they do at the Oscar's, and to make sure I didn't miss anybody, I was just going to read through all the names on the board. So the fact that I pointed up there, that's let you-all know that I'm including everybody here. The debate, I think, has been very productive. It does show that this is an area of the law that is not crystal clear to all of us, even in terms of our own duties and responsibilities under it. So, if