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SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham, AM3361. (Legislative Journal page 1676.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham to open on AM3361.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a joint amendment brought by myself and...I think Senator Beutler is a cosigner. Yes. He's waving that he is a cosigner. This amendment is intended to address two different issues, one within the context...what was it, LB 968? One is an issue that arose in the context of LB 968, that has already been signed...I think it's signed...it's been advanced to the Governor. I think he's signed it. No reason not to sign it. It didn't cost anything. But at any rate, the...I think it was signed. I'll see if it's been signed. But at any rate, that bill had to do with the entities that have to submit a budget. And we tried to produce a rule that said if you didn't have a property tax request or if you didn't have state aid that came in as an accountable receipt, you didn't have to prepare a budget. Senator Beutler read the language, and he thought that it should be...we thought it was clear that if you had either one, either state aid or you had property taxes if you had to file a budget. But he thought the language should be clarified and make that absolutely clear, so that's what the amendment that you have in front of you does, on line 20, on page 1. And it says that you will not have a property tax request or receive state aid. Then those are the circumstances that you don't have to file a budget. That clarification, I hope, is acceptable to you. The other clarification is in the homestead area. We had a problem or an issue arise, based on a bill that we passed last year. It was Senator Preister's priority bill, LB 179. Now, included in LB 179 was a rephrasing of language concerning the current eligibility for disability under the homestead exemption. That had been an issue that had been to the Revenue committee in the form of two different bills...well, three different...two different bills in two different years. I had introduced LB 924 in 1998. Senator Peterson had introduced LB 1025 in 1998. Neither one of those bills was adopted. Then in 1991...or 1999 Senator Peterson, this is Senator Chris Peterson, had LB 301