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drafted and introduced and that was based on LB 1025 of the previous year, as amended by the committee. That bill ultimately became part of LB 179. But it did not, as drafted...or may not have, as drafted, carry out our intent. We did not intend any change in who was eligible. We were simply trying to clarify the language. We thought that's what we were doing and we thought we were doing that in a very clear way. There have been persons who have now read that law, and they say, well, it isn't clear to us that that's what you were doing, and in fact, we thought you were creating a whole new category of persons, in fact, a category of persons who just simply have a permanent physical disability, as persons who are eligible for the homestead exemption. That was clearly not our intent. The amendment that I'm offering to you makes that clear by striking two words out of the existing statute...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and inserting an "and." The Department of Revenue has adopted regulations that carry out our intent as expressed at the time the bill was passed. And hopefully the amendment that we're now offering to you will make the statutes absolutely clear and in conformity with the intent that we expressed at the time Senator Preister's bill was passed, with the amendment in it changing some of the language that dealt with eligibility for the disability homestead exemption.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, there was more time if you wished to have more time. Senator Wickersham waives. Senator Bohlke, followed by Senator Bourne and Senator Hilgert. There is an amendment to the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would move to amend the Wickersham amendment. (FA404, Legislative Journal page 1678.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, to open on your amendment to the Wickersham amendment, AM1361 (sic--AM3361).

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. My amendment simply, on page 2, line 10, reinstates the "or who" and strikes the "and" language that Senator Wickersham had