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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Landis, followed Senators Schimek and Brashear.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, subtract 9-11 from the mix, and ask yourself, what should be the order of succession in the event the Governor is unable to do his or her duty? There is a good reason to use the executive branch officers, and the reason is, executive branch officers are voted upon by the entire populace of the state. They draw their legitimacy from having gone to the public and asked the entire state if they can represent them in the executive branch. That reason alone, the legitimacy upon which the executive branch officers draw their term of service, is reason to put them after the Governor, because they, like the Governor, went to the entire state and said, pick me as your representative. You and I went to 33,000 people to do that. And the members of the Legislature themselves pick the leadership. So you have a list that's composed of legislative chairs selected by 25 other state senators, compared to executive branch members who were elected by going to the entire public and say, would you choose me as your only Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, or Auditor? The point is that everybody in the state who was of a voting age would have had a chance to vote for the executive branch officers, and that is not true of legislative officers. At the most, only 33,000 would have had a chance to vote for them. And because it's from the leadership that we draw the list, only 25 in this body would have selected the order of succession. We should draw from the greatest pool of legitimacy. We should acknowledge where the voters have indicated they have their preferences and their confidences, and those lie with executive branch officers, because they draw from the largest pool. With respect to the 9-11 controversy, all you need to do is make sure your list is long enough so that you've got a survivor. And by the way, trying to guess where the survivor is going to be on another day is, I think, a waste of time. I think, to me, the better idea is to pick a principle, rather than guessing where somebody is going to be on the day of a disaster, a principle that should apply. Why do we pick the Lieutenant Governor to succeed the Governor? What is the rationale? I think it has to do with the fact that they ran in