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know the Department of Roads has ever done anything with this. I think that's one of the rationale...or, part of the rationale behind their wanting out of this. They don't have any authority, actually, and it comes down to the local people filing a nuisance suit. So I'm addressing the issue of why we need this bill. There's nothing going on with the Department of Roads now, folks. Better to make sure that local authorities, whether...even if they're not zoned, the county board has authority to declare these things a nuisance. Or if they're within a city, I'm sure there's city nuisance ordinances and everything else. And I think that's the case, what's happening in Senator Vrtiska's district and up here at Ashland and whatnot. The Department of Roads is not doing anything with those anyway. So I think we need to get the authority, make sure that it exists on the local level, and get them to take the issue and run with it. So, as far as the politics involved, I think that's regardless of who has authority. There's going to be politics involved in...and I guess I prefer to call these "salvage yards," I've been told, rather than calling them "junkyards," maybe "salvage yards," although they're defined as "junkyards." But that's why we need the bill. I'm opposed to the amendment. DED apparently has not been contacted about this, obviously was never part of a hearing. And they don't want anything to do with this. And obviously, Department of Roads doesn't either anymore. So that's my rationale. We need to go ahead and pass the...defeat the amendment and pass the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. On with discussion of AM0347 to LB 186, Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr President, members, I too would oppose the amendment on this particular case. I had thought Senator Beutler was going to move ahead to his bracket, which I probably will support. But the amendment here, going to DED, I would not support at this point. I don't think it is a function of their department...or, that agency. And I would oppose the amendment. But I do want to listen more to the underlying bracket bill, which I assume will be carried forward, or maybe eventually to defeat the bill. I'm not sure the bill is the answer to what I