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repealed or cut back or threatened by the language that we adopt, to make it clear we're talking only about LB 270. And conceptually, that amendment would be fine with me, because it would simply more clearly state what is the intent of the committee. Senator Cudaback, we're on that part of the committee amendment which we might call "the rest."

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the review of where we're at with LB 608. Now open for discussion on part one, FA1204 of the divided question. Speaking order is Senator Brown, Senator McDonald, Senator Thompson, Senator Pederson, Senator Brashear, Senator Cunningham, and Senator Mines and Baker. Senator Brown, you're recognized on FA1204 of LB 608. (Legislative Journal page 922.)

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, yesterday was interesting. We had two of the more colorful debaters in the body set out this issue before us in very stark terms. And probably both of them were a little more dramatic than...made their case more dramatically. Senator Landis made the case that this is something that we've really never touched in all the time that we've had it, and that we really know very, very little about what we're doing in terms of this. And I don't believe that that's true. Senator Brashear made it sound like this is the only thing that we're going to discuss this year of great merit. And although I am closer, much closer, to Senator Brashear, I think that that's probably a bit of an overstatement too. But this is a very significant issue, and it's a significant issue that we have discussed more than once on this floor even since I've been in the Legislature, and we've discussed in many different ways. I will probably support the Brashear amendment. But on the particular aspect that we're dealing with right now, the LB 270 piece of it, I think that it's important that we understand why we even had this part in it initially. And it was my predecessor in the Legislature that actually crafted some of this. And I would agree with Senator Landis that it is in many respects an accounting process. But it is the one piece that is available to very small businesses and existing businesses. And that is an area that we should feel very strongly about and want to have something...an incentive program for. So there is a piece of me that is very