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fact, us to understand LB 775 better. But for the moment, I'd just like us to adopt this language to put the concept in the right form so that we can then debate whether we like the concept or not, which I think Senator Brashear will place directly before us shortly.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on AM0831 to the FA1205. Please vote aye if you're in favor, and nay if you are against. Record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Landis' amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. The next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend with AM0858. (Legislative Journal page 937.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: This is an amendment to poke Senator Brashear and the LB 775 pals in the eye, I got to admit. This one is fire...this is gasoline on the fire. If we came to have a fight, this is it, okay? So if we're going to do these little technical amendments, we're done with that. (Claps hands) We're into the main event now. I'll tell you what this says. This says, by company, tell us yearly how much total tax credit exemptions or benefits you got under the program. Tell us the sum total of the amount and we'll release the information. So it's project specific, which is anathema to the business community. This is fire...this is gasoline on the fire. When your constituents say to you, we don't know what's going on, and you boil it down to one thing, I think this is it. And the question is, what did they get? What did they get? By the way, they'll have no difficulty telling us what they will give. They'll do a press conference on that. They'll do a press release. They'll do a shovel and a picture of the mayor and a ribbon cutting and they will trumpet to the ends of the earth how many jobs were created and how much investment they did. They'll do that by project. They'll put it in the paper.