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SENATOR CUDABACK:    One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD:    ...worked for the Property Tax Administrator, kind of switched over to the other side, the executive branch, the tax side. Now, I don't think that just because he's on that side he's more careful with information than he was on our side. These people are dependable. They're not going to give out the secrets. And I certainly don't want them to. I think that we've put the safeguards in here. I think that we can put the numbers into our model, and we can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt to the public and to anyone who doubts that LB 775 has been a good program in this state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Brashear amendment to FA1205 to LB 608, Senator Brown, followed by Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROWN:      Mr. President, I would yield my time to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Brashear, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR:    Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body. Thank you very much, Senator Brown. I appreciate it. I'd like...sometimes as we debate on and on, why, things become more clouded. So I'd like to try to simplify and clarify. What the AM0879 does is to remove that portion of the committee amendment which would disclose to the Legislative Fiscal Office any and all information the Department of Revenue receives from the LB 775 applicant. Now, I'd like to emphasize that. This, of course, isn't about the Legislative Fiscal Office or its employees, and how honorable their service is. I think we've gone beyond that yesterday. But did you note that without telling you how or why it's necessary, the Revenue Committee would have you take all the information provided by the LB 775 applicants, all of it would come to the Legislative Fiscal Office, to be applied in the models that they've cited. I'm going to talk about models later. Suffice it to say at this point, not everybody in this world agrees with those models that have been constructed not by the Legislative Fiscal Office but