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authorized call-in votes. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments.

CLERK: Senator Raikes voting aye. Senator Preister voting aye. Senator Jensen voting aye. Senator Brown voting aye. Senator Thompson voting aye.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to adopt the committee amendments was successful. I do raise the call.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to the discussion of the bill, itself, discussion of LB 208, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to say again, I had said I wouldn't offer amendments. This is a bad bill. Some of you are not going to work on it. Some of you don't care whether it's a bad bill. But on Select File, if Senator Kruse and I cannot work our way to some accord, and I don't know whether we can or not, I'm not going to let this bill go. And every part of it that I think is inappropriate I am going to offer an amendment to change it. It would be irresponsible for a bill such as this, in this condition, to be enacted into law. And since we're going to...if you're going to advance it, we're going to have a more extensive discussion there than we had here today because I had bound myself not to offer amendments. And people were gracious enough to give me time so that I could have the opportunity to raise some issues. But that won't be the case on Select File because I will offer the amendments on my own and I will not be restricted to the small amount of time that I've taken at this point. I do not believe in punishing people just to increase punishments. Senator Kruse has stated, and on two occasions with this bill he has demonstrated it, he does not want to crush people with punishments that are out of proportion to an offense