

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 31, 2003      LB 626

not? And where are we? And the rest of my time I will yield to Senator Preister.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, about a minute has elapsed.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Landis. I appreciate the question. The reason that you may have heard something this morning was, it wasn't until nine o'clock or just after nine o'clock when we made the decision to agree. So you may have been talking to people before that. And even when I came up on the floor at about five or ten after, after having done that, some people in the lobby still hadn't had that discussion with Lauren Hill. At this point, where we are, in my understanding...and I certainly can stand corrected, and Lauren Hill is in the lobby for anyone who wants to verify...that amendments will be withdrawn to the committee amendments; the committee amendment will then be voted down. The most challenging part to the administration is in the committee amendment. The green copy was actually, in committee hearing when we had the hearing, supported by the administration, with some reservations. And in some of those reservations, we have agreed, I have agreed with Lauren Hill, to do that as part of the amendment, remove the E clause, the centralization of the actual contracts, and that I would commit to sitting down with them. And now I'm hearing from other people that they have some things that they would like to have part of that. Senator Baker is talking about Roads contracts. We can look at exempting out Department of Roads contracts. Those are the things...if anyone else has an interest or a particular issue, then bring that issue to me. I may not know what they are, so I can't say what an actual agreement is. But the agreement is that we will sit down, discuss in good faith. Whatever we can agree to completely is what we will advance in an amendment on Select File. But we have agreed to work it out more outside of this discussion, and come to that agreement. That's not to say that somebody else may not have other opinions and may not want to do some other amendment. I can't speak for everybody in this body, as we all know. So at this point, the discussion will continue if the body does advance the green copy. And that was part of the agreement, to move the green copy to Select File. We would then negotiate, and on Select File come back with that