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the opening on FA1340, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 407. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Schimek, Stuhr, Chambers. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Would Senator Raikes yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Raikes, as you recall, I'm on the Education Committee with you and...

SENATOR RAIKES: I do recall that.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...and we advanced LB 574 from that committee and I think that is a committee priority bill. And could you kind of go through with us, I know that Senator Chambers has had this ongoing issue with PEAP over time and, as I understood it, part of the reason of your bringing that bill was to resolve these issues, both now and in the future. So could you kind of refresh our memory from yesterday about what LB 574 does as it relates to PEAP, the particular provision that Senator Chambers is trying to strike now?

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, I'll do that, Senator. Thank you for the opportunity. LB 574, which we discussed yesterday afternoon, would merge all three of the need-based aid programs--PEAP, SAP, and SSAP--into one program that would serve students in all...attending all sectors, if you will, private and independent colleges, as well as public. That program would be administered by the Coordinating Commission...

SENATOR BOURNE: If I could interrupt you just a little bit...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...and maybe you could expedite this a little, I don't...what I'm trying to get at is Senator Chambers had mentioned that this is like a five-year phase out and,