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on what supposedly is better. So I have a personal philosophy that says old things do have value and that we need to appreciate that, repair those things. Whether it's a building, a vehicle or whatever it may be, we don't just need to scrap things and fill our landfills or have no regard for the value of something that has a use and has been used. So I do it out of concern for the low to moderate income folks and their well-being. I also do it out of a philosophical approach that says things that are used still have value and we shouldn't just simply discard them, but we should repair and replace parts, but the parts that are in good repair we can keep using. For both of those reasons, I would ask your support of AM1831, and I would be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have. With that, Mr. President, I finish my opening.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on AM1831 to LB 759. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Landis. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I thank Senator Preister for the amendment. I recognize and recall what the body did last week with regard to the other bill, with regard to this issue, but I do think we need some time and discussion to work through it. First of all, as some of you are aware, and I know Senator Beutler has been working on this issue, there are various numbers floating around in terms of estimates as to what this amendment would cost, so we ought to try and have a discussion that fleshes out the numbers and determines what it's going to cost, so we can tell everybody what it's going to cost, so everybody knows what it's going to cost and what it will do to the bill before we adopt it. I certainly recognize and start with the given that body has, by a majority vote, already spoken on this issue one time. And speaking to the concept that poor people with older cars, who need to have those cars repaired, need those cars as a necessity of life, I don't want to be perceived, for one thing, as being insensitive to that argument. However, I don't want...or I would like to respectfully suggest that the argument not be only about poor people who shouldn't have to pay for the repairs...pay a tax on the repairs for their cars which they