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out here. As Senator Bourne, others, had stood up and, I believe, not verbatim, but said, you know, maybe we're heading in the right direction here. But I want to preface that. I mean, I actually got off to the side with Senator Thompson. I've talked to...you know, I guess I talked to her about this briefly. It's important to me...and I don't know why...it's important to me for the Appropriations Committee to understand...and maybe I just want to be liked. I mean, maybe that's my personality. It's important for me for the Appropriations Committee and the rest of this body to understand that I do know and appreciate what all...I didn't know before I got here, but I know and appreciate what this body is up against, and I know and appreciate what the Appropriations Committee is up against. And I didn't understand fully until recently how some folks out there, maybe outside the body, doesn't really matter where they are, may not fully grasp all of the issues. Not that they don't understand what they want, not that they're not convicted about it, not that they don't have convictions about, but that they're just not into the fold. And there are so many aspects of what we're dealing with that I didn't even comprehend before I got here. So I appreciate it more, and I guess I'm trying to be as sincere about that as I possibly can. That noted, there still probably were some questions within this body, at least for...questions for a few of us, especially the new senators, of where we stand. I mean, where do you fall? You're standing on the airplane, you got the parachutes on your back; are you ready to jump out? Let's see some lights. Let's find out where you're at. I recently rose to speak...I think this amendment comes pretty close. I rose recently to speak about my philosophical and...you know, I guess some specifics were included, but my philosophical approach toward what I really felt like was happening in the state. And I did include some specifics. The specifics here that Senator Erdman has included I think are very impressive. I think that he said a week he's put into this? That speaks volumes. I think what I'd like to point out is one...like I said, some of the specifics here are impressive. What I'd like to point out is one specific that actually scares me a little bit, and I don't know if I've mentioned this to him, is the idea of LB 1085 being extended, based on the information that I gave you last week, based on the understanding that you know that I think to