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come to some type of compromise where we can sit down and set the priorities, the better off we're going to be. Again, I think it is imperative that I point out the information that I received came directly from the 259 pages the Appropriations Committee put out. Obviously, I didn't know all of the background about the decisions that they made. But they did hard work. They did good work. I can't agree with all of it, but I tried to agree with what I thought was important, what I thought was most important for the state; same with what was presented in other...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...proposals, whether it be the preliminary Appropriations Committee, whether it be the Governor's number. There's stuff in there that I don't agree with, but there are things in there that I think we can do if we're truly serious about setting those priorities. I ask for your support on AM1763, not as a vote for everything that's in AM1763, but as a vote and a willingness to find that middle ground and a willingness to be a part of the compromise, where we as a body can say at the end of the day that we worked to find the middle ground, we were responsible with what the public sent us here to do and, most importantly, we were sensitive to the reality that they're not experiencing any better economic times in the state as the government is. I think we can find that reasonable ground. It does take a little bit more work. I would encourage your support on AM1763. And again, I offer any need or any...anything that I need to do to find that compromise to be able to figure out what should be done a little differently under the amendment, I stand willing and ready to help accomplish that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Erdman. All members present or accounted for, the question before the body is, shall AM1763 be adopted to LB 407? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of AM1763, offered by Senator Erdman to LB 407. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.