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to, when I get there, to withdraw this amendment, and I'm going to urge you to adopt the Preister amendment. I thank you for your time, your attention, and your consideration. And, Mr. President, I ask leave to withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Back to discussion of AM1831, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, and I want to thank Senator Brashear as well. He has worked on this with me. I appreciate the cooperation in working on it as well as some of the industry folks. It has been some time well spent, I think, in laying the bill over, as Senator Brashear had asked us to, and that we did until this time. I think it does facilitate the process and I would agree with Senator Brashear's analysis that we take most of the revenue out of the bill with the compromise. Therefore, when we don't have much left in the revenue stream coming in, and we have a process that may be cumbersome, then it's probably better to go with the entire amendment, as it has been drafted, and with the blue sheet that's been handed out and with what we've already done, I think we really have a very narrow window of what we would term "shortfall" in balancing the budget. I would continue to ask for your support, as Senator Brashear did, of this amendment, AM1831, and will deal with subsequent amendments as we get to those. And, again, I thank Senator Brashear for his cooperation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Brashear. He waives the opportunity. There are no further lights on. Senator Preister, you're recognized to...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM1831, which is an amendment to LB 759. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Preister's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted.