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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...on any program of state government.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM2045 by Senator Beutler to the Bromm amendment, 2005, to LB 608. Further discussion on that (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. In this discussion, I think we've lost sight of the whole reason that we have LB 775, the whole reason that we're talking about LB 270 and that's jobs. And if the purpose of LB 608 was just to kick sand in the face of the business lobby, then we probably want to keep the underlying bill just the way it is that nobody can agree on because...and just do it and not even worry about what that does to jobs. The reason that I will support the Bromm, the underlying Bromm amendment is because Senator Landis has convinced me that LB 270 may be a real nice thing to do but it doesn't get us one new job. I have some concerns about going away from the performance-base piece of it, but I have been convinced that the recapture is a safeguard and that this, the amendment that Senator Bromm is proposing, is much more likely to get the development of jobs. I understand why it...because we're doing something a little bit different, a little bit new, we're going to start out a little slowly, see what the impact is, but we have to impact job development, especially in the rural areas that are the target of the underlying amendment. Now as to the Beutler, the pending Beutler amendment, I am a member of the Program Evaluation Committee. I support what they do. I do have some very serious concerns about the language. Senator Beutler has said that the language is consistent. Well, in one very important, probably the most important part of the amendment the language is not consistent. On page 12, line 23, when you're talking about what the Tax Commissioner may do in terms of randomly selecting the tax return information, that information is without names. But in line 27, in the new language, it is by name. We are talking about two very different kinds of things in this amendment, and to believe that