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but I think the mix that we have in LB 608 right now is what we can hope to do this year...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...and so I support drawing the line there and doing it. Mr. President, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, any time a potential auction, as it has been described, is about to get underway, we, as a Legislature, can stop it. What Senator Beutler is proposing is simply that we say today what we did at an earlier time we meant. Now that a vehicle is before us which can carry that action to fruition, we're going to use that vehicle and confirm what we did, reaffirm what we did. The amount Senator Beutler is proposing is not unreasonable. I hope we get to LB 48. That's the one where I want to do something about that Rural Development Commission, because I want to discuss in more detail how many times I've mentioned to my rural colleagues that they sit up and beg when the corporations tell them to, they roll over and play dead when they're told to, and they get nothing out of it. On the last vote that we took on Senator Beutler's proposal, which would have allowed the performance audit, I was shocked as those rural senators voted no. I don't know what rural senators are thinking about, if anything. I don't know if they're aware of what's going on, or if when Senator Brashear, he's not there, but when he speaks with great agitation and excitement in his voice, the rural senators maybe feel that they've got to do whatever Senator Brashear is telling them to do. So the Legislature was cut out of that process. I heard Senator Beutler say these corporations have to look out for the criminal law. They have to worry about the executive branch of government, the Revenue Department, therefore the Legislature should not exercise oversight. Brothers and sisters, the executive department did not create LB 775. The criminal justice system did not create LB 775. The Legislature did. It is your child and you don't have the right to exercise oversight where your child is concerned? You let Senator Brashear