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SENATOR BEUTLER: And was it a part...any part at all of the committee amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: It wasn't, as you well know. It wasn't.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Landis. The LB 270 proposition, as Senator Landis indicated, was not a part of the green copy of the bill, and therefore didn't have a hearing. It may have been mentioned obliquely in the committee amendments, but certainly the fleshed-out program that is being discussed here was not a part of the committee amendments, has never had a public hearing. So from the beginning, this bill was about LB 775. Now it's detoured off to being about LB 270. There's never been a public hearing about this reconstituted bill, whether the way we're doing it now makes sense or not. Senator Landis claims very strenuously that this is not a good program, LB 270, the way it is. But there's been absolutely no evidence presented as to why it's not a good program. I know some people in my district took advantage of it and thought it wasn't all that bad. But they won't be able to take advantage of it anymore, because it's been changed so it does nothing for them. And in return, they're not getting anything out of LB 775. So a bill that's never had a hearing is taking benefits away from one group and giving it to another, does nothing about the main body of the bill, and then doesn't even reestablish the basic workers' minimum wage that at least was a part of a bill off of General File. I see very little, if anything here that strikes me even as a description of the word "compromise." There's nothing here about LB 775. And you're shifting benefits from one group to another, with no hearing, no background, no evidence as to why it should be done. Why are we doing this? Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis on the Beutler amendment. He waives the opportunity. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have not heard any strenuous objection to what Senator Beutler's amendment is. I can understand Senator Beutler presenting the