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LB 283

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, regardless of what happens this afternoon, LB 283 offers us the opportunity to put the E clause on the alcohol tax. That's something I support. I think it's something that the majority of us support. It's a cash flow issue and so I see no value in delaying this bill because I think this is a bill that we need. I think that clearly we want to see LB 283 passed. I think we want to pick up the extra \$1 million that is available to us by implementing that tax policy earlier. And so I am not going to vote in support of the bracket motion. I do believe that we need to do LB 283. There is nothing to be gained by waiting. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Brown, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, the bracket...I oppose the bracket motion. It actually reminds me of why I get nervous about the way we do things sometimes because it seems like we want to avoid having the discussion about whether this is a good idea until we find out whether the votes are there to override and then we can decide if it's a good idea. And I think it's a good idea one way or the other. I think it's a good idea, as I said before, because we are going to be in a different situation in four years than we are now. I certainly hope that we are in a better situation financially and I hope that we will have had some of the hard discussions that we need to have about how things are structured if we really want to make some of the changes that people have talked about making. The only way that we do that is when the money is not available. When there is any money it just becomes a fight over whether it's your idea or my idea that it goes to, and not whether the structure of the way that we are spending it is the most efficient for the state of Nebraska. And so I think that we need to deal with this now. I think that there are some other amendments that are pending on this bill that maybe I would either agree with or disagree with, but I also think that those need to be dealt with now. I don't think it's a problem to deal with it. Everybody is anxious to get on with a resolution of the spending and taxes that have been vetoed, but I don't think that that is...getting us through this session, this minute, is not the only thing that we have to