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situation. That bill did not have a public hearing. And there are a number of examples that we can go back to. But I think we need to get to the issue. The issue at hand is, do you like AM2082, yes or no? Do you like AM2019 as an amendment to LB 2070 (sic), yes or no? And do we want to advance LB 270? Frankly, it doesn't concern me so much that the agenda is moving slowing, because I think that, at times, can show that we're being thoughtful. Now, to the event that we're delaying and not being thoughtful, then I don't disagree with Senator Bourne. Let's get on with business. But again, let's realize that there is no public hearing scheduled at this time to deal with the fact that we need to make some changes in our foster care system. There's no bill been reported out to debate that. The Appropriations Committee has yet to hold any hearings on the budget to solve the \$200 million shortfall that we currently have, so what do we do until then? Well, we debate the bills on the agenda and if so...if it brings forth the type of debate and discussion that we're having, or the type of rules and strategy that's before us, that's our process and I'm perfectly fine with that. And I think that the reality of the situation is we're being asked whether or not Senator Foley has a valid amendment. Senator Brashear would rather us not. Let's hear the debate. Let's go through it. Let's make a decision and let's see where we end up at the end of the day. Frankly, I don't have a problem with that. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Bourne is not the first one to refuse to answer questions. Senator Landis got miffed at some questions I was asking him and did not want to participate in the back and forth, so you all who don't pay attention or haven't been around here long may be shocked at certain things, but no senator is required to answer another senator's questions. I'm more accommodating than most. I welcome it because it gives me an opportunity to expose the questioner in a lot of instances. I like what Senator Foley is doing, because he's going to wear out a whole lot of other people before this session is over, because he's going to keep doing it. And I'm going to keep digging and provoking him and making him run out there to that lobby to get