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I'm taking off the kid gloves now. I'm going to stop being the nice guy. I'm going to stop being the easygoing, saintly, old gentleman that I have been all these years. An old priest saw me eating at a restaurant and he came over and said, Senator, you look venerable, and I took it as a compliment because a priest knows what "venerable" means. I shall cease being even the venerable gentleman I have been.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, the Baker amendment to the LB 279. He waives the opportunity to speak. Senator Baker, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your amendment, AM2206.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback. I can take the lumps, Senator Chambers, and I...we'll speak off the mike a little bit here too. But back to the amendment raising the...this is the maximum that could be charged for the plates, is \$3.50. The handout, I think Senator Chambers has a copy of it, they estimate it's only going to be \$3.35, but there's, you know, there's a little uncertainty as to what it might actually be. In any regard, even if it was \$3.50, there's still going to be a savings of \$3 over the life of the six-year plate to the taxpayers. So I urge adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the closing on AM2206, offered by Senator Baker to LB 279. Question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on adoption of the Baker amendment, AM2206, to LB 279. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment to the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Amendment was adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself, LB 279, to E & R Initial. Anybody wishing to address the bill itself? Seeing no lights on, Senator Jones,