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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I have one minute left. And LB 304 would be an unfunded mandate that does not serve the interests of the general public, in my opinion. It will drive up costs and taxes, and reduce productivity. This is not what our Legislature should be encouraging us to do right now. I have not looked at your amendment, Senator Synowiecki. Hopefully, it addresses some of the concerns that I have. And I will continue to listen to the discussion and see if something can be done in the next few hours to help ease the problems that I have with the bill. Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. Clerk, priority motion on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion to recommit LB 304 back to the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you adopt this motion, it's not just for the purpose of getting the bill off the agenda today. I don't care if it stays on the agenda, because the more time I spend on this, the less time there is for other things. But as I've told you, there are substantive issues here, not merely procedural. The Judiciary Committee has not looked at this amendment. There might be some people who gave the lobbyist a friendly vote who would not even give that friendly vote if they saw this, because this is what their name would have been attached to, and they would have been on record as supporting it to the extent that they were recommending that their colleagues adopt it. I got a letter from...a note from Omaha's representative. This FOP,...a fop, in literature, was not a term that was complimentary. If a person is foppish--look it up in the dictionary; I'm not even going to tell you what it is. Improve your education. F-o-p-p-i-s-h. Look up f-o-p. That's who helped write this thing, a FOP. But let me tell you something, Omaha is not exempted from this bill, and Omaha has a collective bargaining