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bill. It's not problem with me. I'll just vote against the bill. LB 279, in its original form, I cannot support because it's \$1.5 million, up to \$2.2 million, in losses to county government, in general, and some others, as I distributed on the floor. That's where I would have been in the first place and I guess the simple part of my life would have been I just voted no against the bill and let it go, but I was trying to find some middle ground. Because this would, if we could do this, should incent people to make registrations more timely. We shouldn't lose registrations, and if there is, it's a relatively small penalty of an interest rate on the motor vehicle taxes only. So it's a relatively small penalty. Technically, Senator Chambers is right, it has not had a hearing. If we recommit, the way I understand it, it goes back to the committee, which probably can be done, but it does delay the advance of the bill. And as I understand it, it comes back on General File. It cannot jump up to Select File. So I'll let the committee...I mean I'll let the body decide that. To a degree, I hate to take the time on it. I think it's a bill that probably should go up or down. So I don't know whether you want to recommit or not and take the time. For me, frankly, personally, I don't care if the bill does go because even though a six-year plate sounds good, the public thinks it's a good idea, in the long run it's a money loser at this point in time for nearly everyone because we don't have the increase in registrations like we should. So that probably doesn't leave the best answer, but if it would help, I'll...I can withdraw the amendment. I won't do it right at this point, but I would if I...if that is what the body would like to do.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm telling you, Senator Wehrbein persuaded me the other day. You did, Senator Wehrbein. But then I began to think more on the issue and I got my feet back under me, and I'm taking the position now that I should have taken then. It's not enough for me to just say I was wrong. I've got to do something to try to make the matter right. If you take the amendment off and Senator Wehrbein votes against the bill, it's a wash, because if