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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Redfield, Johnson, Erdman, Jensen, and Janssen. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. All Senator Smith has to do is ask, and he shall receive. I wanted to try to...I've risen on several occasions to speak about this issue. And what Senator Smith has done is fairly intriguing. I think what this does is it moves us in a direction--I've talked about goals before, and what the Legislature is going to try to accomplish with an effort like this. I think we have to remember and be clear about what our goals...maybe I shouldn't speak for everyone, obviously, but what our goals, in my opinion, are. Keeping options open for us as a legislative body, also keeping options open for the citizens of the state of Nebraska. This is an interesting twist, because I think we, if we all remember, have another option with Senator Janssen's bill out there. This is an option, FA1469, that puts us on a totally opposite end of the spectrum. Now, I don't know how Senator Schimek feels about it. I guess she will probably speak to it. But I am in favor of FA1469, and then, when we move to a point where we have to make a decision to give the people of the state an idea of what they're going to see, we'll be there. And I think...I don't know, I think maybe we're moving in the right direction here. I'll wait to see what some of the other folks feel about it. But right now, I'm ready to move on with this issue and get something out there that we can all take a crack at, and again, being reminded that Senator Janssen's is still out there. And maybe that's the best direction that we're going to go, one extreme or the other, as far as the legislative body, and then make a decision, also remembering, based on some of the news reports this morning, that the citizens have taken hold of the situation as well. So maybe we can head off in a different direction and give the citizens, you know, something else on the ballot to deal with. So I'm in favor of FA1469, and thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Redfield, on the Smith amendment.