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be a member of that task force. And I think we should take a little advice from the people on that task force and implement basically what they have represented to us. Now they live in a different world than we do. They don't understand the constraints and the budget problems we've gone through. Henceforth, they're not going to get as much money as they want. But I have told them that this has been too much...there's been too much time and energy spent into this not to go forward, even if you don't get all the money you want. I think to deviate from what the task force is recommending in many ways is probably not putting faith in the members of that task force on there. And the thing I really got from the task force is there were people like Dick Mercer and Clayton Lukow on that task force, who have worked on task force for Governor Thone, they had worked on task force for Governor Kerrey, and every time they had failed. And they came into the task force saying, we've tried this before, we don't think it will work. And so there were some people who have served on other water task forces that didn't think this would work. And when it's all said and done, it did work. Now, I'm willing to have all kinds of debate. I'm willing to take your suggestions. But at some point in time, we have to move forward, or this process is going to fail. I don't think we can afford to let it fail, because I think it's going to cost the state a lot of money, and I think what Roger Wehrbein told you just a minute ago is very telling to what could happen in this state if we don't act. I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. I will recognize you to close if you care to. He waives the opportunity to close. So the question will be, before the body, adoption of FA1524, which is an amendment to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 962. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to on amendment FA1524, offered by Senator Chambers to the first division of the divided committee amendments? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.