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LB 479, 1065

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...the people that I represent. I fully admit that. However, it's also a step in the direction of those who are supporting this, in favor of them. That's not what I got elected for. I got elected to make decisions for the best interest of the state. This clearly is not in the best interest of all Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Baker, your light is next. And this will be your third time, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I realize we need to get moving on this. I think we may have some sort of an agreement with Senator Bourne. I understand his concerns. I...we need to get this bill...actually, it has an E clause on it. We need to get this thing passed. And we have LB 1065 coming up. I've told Senator Bourne on...put it on the record, that if this doesn't work, we have a similar amendment to LB 1065 that was adopted in the committee, Revenue Committee. We can work on it there on LB 1065. LB 1065 is a bill that I have a problem with, that we have to fund these four plants that are up and going, or will be shortly. I...it's distasteful to me to have to put some fuel tax, raise corn checkoff, and so on. But I think we can work on that. I'd pledged to Senator Bourne, if we have to pull LB 479 back off Final Reading, we can do it. I think we can address his concerns in LB 1065. I'm very hesitant at this late hour to agree to a floor amendment that we can't quite all agree on, or we haven't thought through thoroughly. I don't want to get ourselves into a position where we have something unworkable in the bill. So I know Senator Bourne is not listening to me, but I would urge your adoption of LB...I'm sorry, AM2713, with the pledge from me, or the agreement from me that we'd either pull it back off of Final Reading if necessary, or if something needs to be done that we can agree to in LB 1065, there's very similar language in LB 1065 that I said was adopted in Revenue Committee, very similar. We wanted to make sure people weren't double-dipping. In both cases, both bills have very similar language in it. I