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build. But I think it's important that we advance LB 962 and get it moved. It has...it meets Senator Chambers' description to have...if the funding is there, whether we like it or not, I would understand that, but I think that's what you ought to consider, that we advance this so that we can at least move on and we will do the battle on Select File after we have a better understanding of the whole big picture of the budget.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of LB 962A, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and this will be my last time. And even if I had other opportunities to speak, I wouldn't because, as Senator Wehrbein said, this A bill should move. We're going to need a vehicle for funding, no matter what we wind up doing. We've got to make that vehicle available and this A bill is it. But as I was saying just before I ran out of time, I am not going to support another set of circumstances which would allow us to get into a mess like we did with the ethanol issue. I fought against that tooth and nail, but I lost. This one I will fight tooth and nail against, but time is on my side. Senator Wehrbein is very important to our processes because he is a valuable commodity. Having been Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, he is a repository of a tremendous amount of information that we're going to need, even if we sometimes disagree with his ultimate conclusions. Such being the case, and speaking in my role, Senator Wehrbein, as the defender of the downtrodden, I have to point out that sometimes even the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee can fit into that category of the downtrodden. So I want to assure him this morning that, even though his neck has been extended way out by supporting this A bill with a vote in order to move it, I shall give him my personal guarantee that no axe shall fall on his neck that would result in separating his head from his body. I am going to rescue Senator Wehrbein, if it means killing LB 962. I would rather kill LB 962 than kill Senator Wehrbein. But I know that the form of this A bill is not going to be the final form that it would take, if it is to have any chance of passage. If it stays as it is, it is going nowhere except to the graveyard, and if it is changed in the wrong way, it's going to the graveyard. You know, right now as much as I'm disliked