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by my colleagues, by the media, in fact by the people throughout Nebraska, as much as I'm disliked, I would rather be me than LB 962. Really, and that shows you what I think about LB 962's chances. And I'm not going to take all five of my minutes, and I am going to cast a vote for LB 962A, even though I think it will get enough votes without mine. But it's being cast in the way that Senator Wehrbein's is. There are points reached where, in order to show that we are serious about these heavy issues, we will do what is necessary to put them in a position to be resolved. At least put them in a position to be resolved, whether they ultimately are or not, are two different things. So I'm going to give a green to a bill that I detest in the form it's in now. But this is just a temporary expedient and I'm sure we will change it. And there was a commercial, Senator Wehrbein, and I would say it. They say "Expedia," and I would say that if he would say, with a tone, "dot com," but he probably wouldn't, so I'm not going to do that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, a priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Jones would move to reconsider the vote taken on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones, to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, yes, I was out in the rotunda and didn't catch all of what was going on, and I cannot support the A bill the way it is now with that, so I'd like to reconsider Senator Beutler's amendment to that A bill, AM3204, and I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler on that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have about four minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Jones, thank you very much for the offer. And I would simply ask you, in particular those of you who may have just come in and didn't hear the discussion, what the amendment does is to provide for \$1.5 million of General Funds. That amendment is going to bring us a lot closer to what