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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the closing on the Business and Labor Committee amendments, AM2818, to LB 1241. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments by the Business and Labor Committee to LB 1241. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (AM3276, Legislative Journal page 1185.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on AM3276 to LB 1241.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is one that I hope you're not too tired at this early point in the day to listen to. The amount that you see of \$41,936.53 does not represent money that is being paid to satisfy a claim. It is a total amount presented by the Accountability Commission to be written off as uncollectible. Now, I am striking the \$41,936.53 and inserting \$3,410, which means the lion's share of what Accountability and Disclosure wants to write off, I'm opposed to their writing it off, and I'll explain why. First of all, let me tell you what this amount is that's being left in. There are civil penalties which are imposed on people for various infractions of one kind or another, and those total \$3,410. I'm willing to let that be written off. If you struck the entire amount, it wouldn't bother me. But the reason I don't want this other amount stricken is because it relates to campaign late filing fees. The small amount of \$210 would be associated with lobbyist late filing fees. That \$210 would not be written off, because it's a part of my amendment. It's related to late filing fees. The biggies in this amendment would be the Citizens for Nebraska's Future--\$25,940. Some of you may not know who these people. The Citizens for Nebraska's