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ethanol incentives.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You've heard the opening on LB 983. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Connealy would move to amend with FA1585. (Legislative Journal page 1213.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open on FA1585 to LB 983.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment would strike this section that I just had discussed at the end of my intro, where we would repeal outright 66-4,142. We have, during the discussion of LB 1065, discussed this extensively and that is in LB 1065. I did not realize that this section was stricken also in this bill. I think we had a full discussion of that in the discussion of that bill, which is the ethanol bill that will be coming up in the future. I'd rather leave that section there, repeal it here, and that does cause a problem for how we fund the EPIC Fund if we don't find new revenue sources. The Revenue Department does say that they will not use this. I think that we ought to not strike it here. If the body would like to strike that section of law, we have legislation coming down the line to do that. In the discussion of this bill in the hearing, it was a large bill that brought a lot of statutes together and, you know, I would apologize that I didn't catch this section repeal and I would ask the body to leave this section in the law until we address it in LB 1065.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Connealy amendment, FA1585, to LB 983. Senators wishing to speak are Senators Wehrbein, Bourne, and Loudon. Senator Wehrbein, on FA1585.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. May I ask Senator Connealy a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.