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motives are either misrepresented or not understood. Perhaps I should have gotten up and said, you know, if you adopt one of these amendments to keep that information available, I will support the bill. But I was never asked and so I never said it, and I'll...so I'll take some responsibility for that as well. But at the same time, I think it is a wrong-headed decision to pass this bill. And I was not harassing the bill. I want to make that very clear. I was, in all honesty, trying to find something that would be acceptable to the other side. I thank all of you for your comments. I will be voting red. Thank you, Mr. President. Oh, and I would like to withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return the bill for specific amendment, FA1441. (Legislative Journal page 503.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion to return LB 172 for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, since this is my amendment and I will have an additional opportunity or two to speak on it and any other motions I may file, I want to complete what I was saying about this individual named Clifton, James. What caused me to go into this today is the fact that the World-Herald, the Omaha World-Herald this morning had a front page article discussing this very matter. They said that the letter that Clifton, James sent around was so powerful that Senator Adrian Smith placed it on all of our desks. Now letters have been placed on our desks before. Senator Lowell Johnson had put some...put copies of some letters that were from people on presidential commissions and whatnot, and the World-Herald never said this material was so powerful that it was passed around. But it happens that Clifton, James is in the swim of those people at the World-Herald, and he's taken a position that they like, and they may have even contacted him for all I know and said, we helped you; now you help us; write a letter to those rubes in the Legislature. Now, brothers and sisters, what Clifton, James has done is to put this whole question of the super priorities,