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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FOLEY: And I applaud, again, Senator Don Pederson's work in thinking through whether or not part of the negotiations here ought to be a discussion of trying to bury that waste somewhere here in Nebraska, whether or not that might still be possible as part of the negotiations. Because if we don't do that, we're simply going to pay the judgment and then pay again to bury our nuclear waste. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. The issue before the body is the Beutler amendment, AM3474, to LB 1090. Further discussion? Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Johnson, Baker, Bourne, and others.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. It's appropriate that we stand and state where we are so that those who are thinking about this can understand where their support or their...whether their support is strong or soft. I would underline, with big heavy black lines, what Senator Brashear has already said, and that is doing nothing is not an option. It would be disingenuous indeed for us to come along next winter and say, oh, my goodness sakes, look what happened to us, God is against us, and assign it to some agency that we don't feel we are accountable for. We are accountable for it. We're accountable for the planning of it. I will, if pushed, support all three of these options. The first one is my least favorite of that. I am concerned about electric bill being fair across the way, however, there's considerations of that and there's concerns about that. What really appeals to me in that is that we have very low electric rates and, therefore, no one is going to be paying more electric...a heavier electric rate than they would if they were living someplace else. I like the idea of bonding, especially for the low-level waste facility. I'm pretty hesitant about it for ongoing budget. I think we ought to pay our bills as they come along. But this is one...the bonding fits with the judgment and I would indeed like to see it locked up and attached to that directly, but however the floor decides to do that, I will give support to that. I give strong support to the income provision. It will provide over \$100 million. I think it's safe to hope that we will pick up