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least, put the \$10 million in that we're short for the four plants. And then we, as you all know, we may be a lot more short if another three to five come on. But let's take it a piece at a time, and pay-as-you-go sounds pretty good to me, and get the money in there that needs to be in there to solve the problem that we know we currently have. So I'm going to withdraw this amendment and prepare at least a couple of alternatives that you can consider on Select File. Having done that, I would like to just comment briefly that I'm discouraged that the Speaker has come under criticism for doing what I think makes eminent sense in taking those bills that could most fairly be put up as major proposals and doing that. My God, if we didn't do that, this session would be a lot less than what's going to happen here, I think. But I find it particularly curious that Senator Smith is making that criticism when his priority bill, which was way down under, 38th or 40th, was taken to the top by the Speaker and is now, I think, on Final Reading, taken ahead of my bill which is not going to get up, and a whole bunch of others that are not going to get up. I don't know what room for criticism he has on the priority bill system and the Speaker's handling of the matter. In any event, with that, Madam Clerk, I will withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Back to discussion of the bill itself, advancement to E & R Initial, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I like saying this. As the oldest member of the Legislature, there are times when I think I should make a comment when the process or the Legislature, as an institution, may be discussed in a way that I think requires a bit of additional elaboration. I don't quarrel with Senator Smith being upset that a particular measure that he really dislikes--I don't think that he dislikes it to the extent that I dislike ethanol but, nevertheless, which he dislikes--has managed to find its way onto the agenda. There are many proposals I do not like which wind up on the agenda. What we just have to do is learn that until the final sine die motion is made anything can happen on this floor. Sometimes people who have not been as experienced as I am, who have not observed the dynamics of the inner-working of this body, will achieve what looks like a victory and take solace from that and