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emotions of hurt feelings and having thought he won and found out that he had lost. But it's a good learning experience. It'll thicken his skin and it might even prevail upon him not to make the kind of hurt feelings speech that he just gave. But, frankly, I enjoy hearing those kinds of things. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Senator Smith, on advancement of LB 1065.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I hope not to use my full five minutes here. But if you look at my public statements regarding the casino issue, never did I claim victory. And I always sensed that LR 11CA had priority status and that could probably be invoked, the priority status of a bill being invoked. And, sure enough, it did, and various reasons, you know, the transcript of the Exec Board meeting stated that LR 11CA had no debate this session, therefore, it should receive the special dispensation, if you will, but some realities that exist. Senator Beutler says, oh, Smith ought to be quiet because his priority bill was heard. Come on, it was noncontroversial. I thought it was just a little bit appropriate that I prioritize a bill that was not very controversial. And if that's the reason why it jumped from 39 on the priority list to effectively 17, 18, somewhere in there, now that certainly was not my decision nor did I ask for that. So I think some of these issues need to be disclosed, and realizing that time is of the essence, this is only General File for the ethanol issue, LB 1065. There is another one, LB 479, that specifically hurts ethanol efforts in my own area but I haven't railed against that one. But I'm just curious as to the major proposal ever reviving an issue that was previously dead, an issue I say, because time is of the essence. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Landis. Senator Landis, that will not be necessary. There are no further lights on. Thank you anyway. (Laughter) I didn't hear that. Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 1065.