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Beutler's AM3636.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson. you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. I'm sorry I was off the floor on a phone call and missed that vote. I know he missed it by one vote and would like to have him have the opportunity to discuss it a little bit further. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You heard the motion...opening on a motion. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I rise in support of the amendment. Seems to me that the whole purpose of the Beutler initiative here is to get closer to parity, closer to the appropriate amount of resources for what ethanol is going to cost us. And these are legitimate tools that he's using to get us closer to a balanced set of books. Don't we want to have the fewest possible problems ahead of us rather than a multitude of problems ahead of us? I support the Beutler amendment. I hope the body will as well. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take any of your time. You know what this amendment is. We do have a long day and I'm really reluctant to rerun something like this, but there are at least two people who have reconsidered or who are now here on the floor. I think it's a very sensible amendment. Obviously, we're divided on this question, but I think if we can put this in place, we can all move forward with a broad consensus and do what we need to do. And, once again, I would just argue that it's a terrible, terrible precedent to keep putting the spade in the dirt and digging the hole deeper for us. We need to correct each situation as it comes along and be fiscally conservative and responsible on this matter. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion on the motion to reconsider by