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will pay Senator Tyson what, for me, is the highest compliment I'm able to pay. Mr. President, I withdraw my pending amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item, LB 625...LB 613, I'm sorry. Down one line too far.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 613 is the next bill. Senator Bourne would move to return the bill for specific amendment, specifically Senator Mossey's AM3663. Mr. President, pursuant to that offer, Senator Bourne would move to suspend Rule 7, Section 3(d), considered the germaneness rule, to permit consideration of AM3663. (Legislative Journal pages 1609-1613.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I ask your indulgence this afternoon. I did file a motion to return the bill for specific amendment, particularly that amendment AM3663, Senator Mossey's amendment. I also filed a motion to suspend the germaneness rule, even though I don't think that that's necessary. But I wanted to dot my i's and cross my t's, so to speak. I wanted to introduce those motions, because I wanted the body to know that I support what Senator Mossey is doing. I appreciate his work on this. The bill, LB 850, is in an amended form. And I'll let Senator Mossey open on the bill itself, should the motion to return to Select File prevail. But I think this is a very important bill. I think Senator Mossey and various other advocacy groups have done an inordinate amount of work. I think the Judiciary Committee has focused on this and spent a lot of time on this, and I feel that we as a body would be remiss if we did not discuss this issue that is so important to women who are being subjected to domestic violence. And with that, Mr. President, I would appreciate the body's support to return for Senator Mossey's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank Senator Bourne for the opportunity to bring this bill back. I