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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Beutler, on AM0136. Senator Beutler waives the opportunity to speak. There are no further lights on, Senator Chambers. You may close on AM0136, if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for your reasonableness, Senator Cunningham. And I promise you, I will reciprocate, in terms of talking about it. But ultimately, the final decision on legislation is ours. If we come to the conclusion that the bill as amended by this amendment is the most prudent way for the Legislature to go, if we are going to legislate on the issue at all, this is the form that the proposed law will take. If we don't hold to this amendment, we're going to run squarely into the problem that Senator Beutler brought to us, about the possible impairment of contracts. If it would be argued that nobody wants this bill to apply to existing contracts, it doesn't anyway, but to rescue it from being unconstitutional, you'd declare it. But we don't have to do that. Because if the bill in its present form was agreed to by both sides of the issue which is in dispute, the bill as amended, I believe, should be accepted by both of those sides. There is no way to draft a bill which becomes law that is guaranteed not to result in litigation. If we adopt the amendment, we have a clearer standard for resolving litigation, and we have a guideline that can be used by the two sides when they write these contractual agreements in the first place. Senator Cunningham is trying to address a problem. I'm not opposed to what he is trying to achieve. But I'm looking at the methodology. And as the session wears on, I will do what I can to help facilitate us in our work. And I feel...not feel, I am convinced...not convinced, I know that when bad legislation is proposed, I am facilitating our legitimate processes when I do everything I can to stop it, if it means bringing the Legislature to a halt for the rest of the session. Because for our processes to be legitimate, those processes must result in legislation that is wise, good, just, and fair, and well-crafted. So when I can support something, I'm going to support it. Whatever can be achieved around here that is worthwhile by a smile, when those things come up, I will give a smile, even if it's only from the teeth out. But when it comes to those issues where a smile is not going to do anything,