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streets. There are many nonprofits that work in the same area. They are deserving entities, but they are not entities that are part of the appropriations process, they're not part of the public process in which we vote and choose and make priorities. They operate independently of that. They have a noble purpose for which they get a tax status that makes them nonprofit, and they get a tax, you know, deduction for when you make a contribution, but they are their own entities. And I, if I am forced to choose which has the higher social purpose, I would say that the higher education, the law and safety, those have a higher social purpose than giving a tax deduction for an individually-owned-and-operated 501(c)(3). My guess is that at least here we do the fights about...that divide us, whether it's the existence of the death penalty or the abolition of the death penalty, and yet there are 501(c)(3)s on both sides of those questions that will get tax deductions if they have a foundation; if you want to have Friends Against the Death Penalty getting a tax deduction to fight that fight, or those entities that are for it. My guess is that this body would divide seriously between whether or not...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...Planned Parenthood should have a foundation that got tax-exempt status or Rescue for Life or some other on the other side of the issue, where like-minded people have strong opinions, but it's outside the appropriation process. We generally support maintaining the base. I support that here. I support the Pederson amendment. I think making a reduction is a good idea. I'm going to vote against the advancement of LB 28, but I'm not going to stand in its way. I've had my say. I had it on Friday. I've had it today. Senator Chambers is, I think, after reducing it even further, but if I understand where he's going to, I think it's in general opposition to the bill. I'm going to register that same end as a red vote on the bill. I'm going to vote against advancement of the bill. So what I'm going to do is, I think that Senator Chambers and I are alike on that, I'm going to express my opposition to the bill by voting red on the advancement. I'm going to vote for the Pederson amendment. I'm...