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of the property; we wanted it to go with the property itself. If the owner changed hands, undoubtedly the value of the property would have been affected by these changes and rehabilitation. And we wanted to keep the incentive for this historic preservation to occur, so we struck the provision that revoked these benefits should there be a change in ownership, allowing it to run with the land, which we think was appropriate. There is a way to protest State Historic Preservation Officers' decisions. They may be protested within 30 days. The officer is to hear the protest in 14 days, and send notice. And it may be subject to a district court challenge. I close by saying, the Revenue Committee worked diligently with Senator Pederson, who, again I say, was very open in achieving the ultimate ends that the public endorsed. The bill is, I think, now tighter, easier to carry out. I believe a landowner would more clearly know what they're obligated to do. And we will ask that obligation up-front. But once they've done that, there is the benefits, which remain essentially unchanged in the committee amendments. They are essentially as generous as Senator Pederson and the bringers of the bill would have us have done before. It's simply that we regularize the process by which those benefits are granted. I endorse the committee amendments, and then I endorse LB 66, which advanced, I believe, unanimously from the committee, as amended. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments on LB 66. Mr. Clerk, announcement, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer, as Chair of the Agriculture Committee, would like an Executive Session of the Agriculture Committee at 9:30 underneath the north balcony. Agriculture Committee, 9:30, underneath the north balcony.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Now on with discussion of the committee amendments to LB 66. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Howard and Don Pederson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had begun yesterday just tentatively raising some issues with