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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...help do that.

SENATOR McDONALD: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Aguilar, on FA72.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I also would like to weigh in on my support for LB 546, as well as the underlying amendment. I'd have to concur with what Senator Johnson spoke to when he was talking about the tri-cities, how well they work together on specific issues and how beneficial that's been for our area. A lot of major projects have happened that wouldn't have happened without the cooperation between the cities. Most recently, of course, is a helicopter facility. In this situation, you know, competition is good, but cooperation is better. We were in cooperation with Kearney for this facility, and we were fortunate enough to have land the facility and get it in Grand Island. Right after that, bids were let to build it and a company from Kearney was awarded the bid. You know, these kind of projects don't happen unless cities are working together in cooperation, you know. And I'd like to thank Senator Brown for bringing this forward. And hopefully you'll see the same kind of cooperation between Omaha and Lincoln for this...after this kind of legislation is passed. Yield the rest of my time to Senator Brown, if she'd like it; otherwise, back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Brown, would you like to utilize Senator Aguilar's time?

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would make a comment. The...I have...I think many people know that I have been involved with the chamber in Omaha. I have worked now quite a bit with the chamber in Lincoln around the development of this bill. And this summer, I had the opportunity spend some time with the chamber from Grand Island, who all the members of the...not all the members, all of the staff from the chamber in