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worked on. I also...you'll find on your gadget two separate amendments, LB (sic) 614 and LB (sic) 605. I want to thank Senator Chambers, Senator Schimek, and other members of the body that I've worked with since introducing this bill, and after the committee hearing. We've tightened the language up. In LB 217 you'll find a whole litany of different political subdivisions that could have been participating. We've taken out some of those to make this easier, and those that we've taken out include ag societies, county fair boards, joint airport authorities, drainage or levy district, historical society, irrigation district, natural resources district was taken out by the committee amendment, nonprofit county historical association. The list goes on. We kept this simple to address the needs of cities, counties, school districts, ESUs, community colleges, and the like. So, for your reference, when you're wondering what this bill would look like if the amendments were adopted, by the committee, and by the amendments that I've offered, I believe, in AM0605, I would ask you to refer to AM0614, which is the complete white copy that would set out how this bill would look. I do intend to withdraw my amendments on AM0605. But I made them part of the record so that you could see what specifically was taken out in my second round of revisions, thanks to the work that I've been working on with Senator Chambers and Senator Schimek. If anybody has any questions, obviously, this is my first time, and I would appreciate you going very easy on me and I...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. (Laughter)

SENATOR FLOOD: ...would imagine that this will just sail right through. So, I appreciate the time, and I would send the balance to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. You've heard the opening on LB 217. There are committee amendments, as stated by the Clerk. Senator Schimek, as Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, you're recognized to open on those amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President and members, the amendment is AM0278. And it does two things. One, it takes