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SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:     ...really, Senator Beutler, because I was engaged in a conversation over here about how to handle the committee amendment, and I didn't hear exactly what Senator Flood said.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Beutler.    (Visitors introduced.)    On with discussion of the committee amendments, AM0278 to LB 217, Senator Brown, followed by Senators Schimek, Mines, and Beutler.    Senator.    Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN:    Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am supporting the underlying bill.    I agree with much of what has already been said, that it offers us some opportunities for political subdivisions to work together and to be able to do bonding.    And I really...I've seen some of the activities that are potential...are possible with this kind of joint activity, and I think it's something that we need to do.    I'm also trying to figure out exactly what we're doing now with the proposed amendments.    And I wondered if Senator Schimek would answer a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:    Yes.

SENATOR BROWN:    Senator Schimek, can you explain briefly once again where we are with the amendments, and what we can potentially do?

SENATOR SCHIMEK:    Okay.    Thank you, Senator Brown.    I think probably we have two...we do have two choices here.    We can either vote the committee amendment across, or we can vote it down.    In any instance, we have to take a vote on it.    And then we can deal with the Flood amendment.    Well, the Flood amendment incorporates the committee amendment.    So I guess I'm at the point where I think we should adopt the committee amendment,