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LB 76. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM0699. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion of the Baker amendment, AM0699. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Baker, the level of attention was so high over here that I didn't hear a good part of what you said. But let me just ask you this. It's a big, long amendment. You indicated that everything in it is essentially required by the federal government. Is there anything in the bill that is not required by the federal government that would constitute a question, a major...a significant question upon which reasonable people could disagree? Use as the standard, ten years from now, if somebody came and said, why the heck did you do that? Is there anything in here that we would say...that we couldn't say, they made us do it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you yield?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would. And I think we've gone as far as we can with it, Senator Beutler. If you will recall, two years ago, this was in discussion stages. Last year, we had a bill. It was horrendous. I couldn't defend it; we didn't try to defend it in the Legislature. The states got together with the National Trucking Associations and their representative here, Nebraska participated in that, got this thing as workable as we could and as reasonable as we could make it. I am satisfied that it's not going to...the requirements are not going to be changed now, because this has been adopted and...by the federal...the TSA. It has to be in place by May 31 of this year. I think we're as clean and as neat as we're going to make this. And I can defend it, I think, as far as that goes. I don't see anything (inaudible).

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And there are no major policy decisions for us that we can make at this level?

SENATOR BAKER: Not that I can see.