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deliberately disrespected her and, in so doing, embarrassed the Governor; HHS, which needs no more of these kind of scandals; and the director. There was an old guy on his deathbed and one of his longstanding enemies came to gloat. The man on the deathbed didn't realize that that's what it was for, so he raised himself up on his elbows and said to this guy, you know, if I die, which it looks like I'm going to, the debt that you owe me is erased and the grudge is done. He sank back on the pillow. Then he thought about something; he rose up. He said, however, if I do survive, the debt and the grudge both are reinstated. On this particular matter, the Governor behaved in an exemplary fashion. He not only defended...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...his department head, as he should, but he defended the withdrawal of that job offer and said this man should never have received the job offer. I give the Governor his credit, but now that that is over, the grudge the he and I have that is ongoing is reinstated. But I have to acknowledge when he does the right thing. And now the Governor needs to go a step further and see that this DeLiberty man is fired. If he is not fired, I will then believe that the Governor endorses and ratifies the deliberate insult and demeaning of a high-ranking female in his administration. And whether these women think that I ought not speak for them is of no moment to me. I'm doing what my conscience and what my principles demand of me. Any time I become aware of a women being insulted and demeaned and degraded around here, I'm going to speak. Sometimes it would be good if other legislators would do that, but they don't see that as their job.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I put my light on.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion with the committee amendments to LB 588. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the