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CLERK: Mr. President, excuse me. Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler is willing to withdraw his amendment, so what I'm going to do is withdraw my pending amendment which the Clerk just referred to.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Your light was next, Senator Chambers. Did you wish to not speak? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, if you believe that this bill as it is structured now, then to me it seems like there is no real argument but that the cities of Lincoln and Omaha should be treated better than they're treated in this bill. And were the circumstances different than they are today, I would fight very hard for that. But the circumstances are that, to my knowledge, the city of Lincoln and the city of Omaha were not involved in this bill until there was a discussion brought up, upon examination of the bill, of exactly what the bill did. And so it's a little bit hard and a little bit unfair to Senator Flood to be raising these questions on what is otherwise a somewhat difficult bill to handle. And I don't want to do that to him, so I will withdraw the amendment. But I hope down the line you will consider adjustments to this and other legislation because, to the extent that this is a fair concept in your mind, and in light of the fact that so few remonstrance signatures are necessary now, it just seems to me totally unfair to be excepting Lincoln and Omaha out of the bill. But with that, I would withdraw the amendment, Senator Cudaback, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. AM0963 is withdrawn. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Flood, for a motion.