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SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're prepared to take LB 273 and risk your soul and the souls of your fellow rural senators...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in exchange for maybe having a chance to vote on LB 273? Do I understand you and do you understand me?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're prepared to accept that deal?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, I'm not saying I accept it as a deal. I'm actually hoping that we can change your mind later, but maybe not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We didn't talk about hoping, wishing, hoping, praying and thinking. We're talking about a deal. And Mephistopheles wants you to sign on the dotted line. The deal is that you'll get your vote on LB 273 and you can pass LB 273, if you can, without any interference from me beyond this point. But I try to do everything I can to kill every other rural economic development bill that comes through. Is that okay with you?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, it's not okay with me, but I guess if that's what you're going to do, that's what you're going to have to do. I apologize for that, but I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Going, going, done. You can have your LB 273 as far as I'm concerned, and you can fight like the devil for the rest of them.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator Cudaback, at this point in time, I would withdraw FA118 and substitute for it AM1022, and then I would withdraw all other amendments I have on file.