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SENATOR CUDABACK:    Is there any objection?    So ordered.    Is substituted.    Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    Mr. President, Senator Beutler would offer AM1022.    (Legislative Journal page 1056.)

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Beutler, to open on AM1022.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I had indicated to Senator Cunningham earlier that it was a long trek for me ever to be convinced of the correctness of the philosophy of this particular bill.    But I also sat down with him and indicated to him that I would consolidate the amendments that I had and compromise with him on a couple of issues, and file them all as one amendment, and see what you all thought of it.    So this is an amendment that I believe Senator Cunningham is at least reconciled to, if probably maybe even agreeable to.    And here's what's included.    First of all, with regard to three or four of the different descriptions in here which are broad in nature, the word "business" is put in front of them, so that we're talking more directly about business enterprises and not just any type of enterprise.    The entities that can be involved in this are all political subdivisions under the bill.    It would be limited under this amendment to municipalities and counties.    The descriptive material "chronic economic distress" is...replaces other language in the bill so that it's clearer what is intended and what is meant by chronic economic distress.    Then with regard to the grants, the five-year...the ability to string a grant out for five years is limited to two years.    And finally, again, the scattering of the benefits across all political subdivisions is limited to municipalities and counties.    So those were the things that I had suggested that were agreeable to Senator Cunningham, and we would recommend those to your attention.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Beutler.    You've heard the opening on AM1022 which is an amendment to LB 273.    Open for discussion.    Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:    Thank you, Mr. President.    With the long