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SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...could have gotten federal money to build? Could it be that some wily person would say, we're going to work with you to put together this project so you can get these bonds issued, knowing that the project is going to fold, then somebody is going to steal that land for a song? The building is already there, the land has been acquired. Everything is there for the taking--cherry-picking. This is not as innocuous and innocent as it might appear, but I think my amendment is clear. I don't know whether you will accept it, but that is what is before you, and I hope you will agree to adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Members, before we proceed, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 39, LB 121, LB 131, LB 144, LB 234, LB 299E, LB 352, LB 485, LB 492, LB 516, LB 668, LB 684, LB 684AE, LB 675, LB 675A, LB 205, LB 335, LB 570, LB 217, LB 242, LB 268, and LB 439E. Thank you. Senator Landis, to the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I don't think Senator Chambers and myself have a fundamental difference here, although I think we do have a practical difference in this situation. Senator Chambers, I wonder, I'm just going to speculate out loud and I'm not going to put this in the form of a question, but I wonder if you have noticed, along with myself, that public schools now have an obligation, when they make their building available to student organizations, that if the student organization happens to be religious, we now have to allow that religious organization to be able to use the school property. That's my understanding of the current law, and I don't think...I wonder if you would acknowledge that that's the current state of the law. Once you allow a student organization to exist and use the school property, you may not discriminate against a religious-based student organization in the use of a public facility. I think