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been a wonderful mentor for me, and I'm grateful that he is here still. So thank you. And I would like to grant the remainder of my time to Senator Thompson. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Mines. And this will be your third time, Senator. I'm sorry. You did yield to Senator Thompson. I did not hear you. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. Just one other thing, to clarify issues that have been brought up about the approach that Lancaster...that Lincoln did to its approach to passage of this bill. I received this information: Lancaster County Health Department sent out over 3,000 letters to businesses in 2003 that they thought would be affected by the ordinance. They then held five community meetings with the businesses. There were two public hearings by the Lincoln City Council, instead of the usual one public hearing. One public hearing, Senator Bourne, went till 3:42 a.m. So they did...you know, the statements are made that Lincoln did this without thought or listening to people or providing them input. I think the five community meetings, adding an additional public hearing, and not cutting it off and letting it go till 3:42 in the morning,...I watched the newspaper accounts. There was plenty of discussion. And again, I think we should oppose the Bourne amendment, as directing the state in the wrong direction on public health. And I thank Senator Howard for the time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Landis. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM1052? All in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate, AM1052. Have you all voted on the question who care to? The question is ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Senator...have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close on AM1052 to the Health and Human Services