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federal government back to the states. So this is all part of that. I would just ask that you would approve the...and endorse the Flood amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Flood, did you wish to use the remainder of your time?

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to yield a minute to Senator Erdman, if he so desires.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Flood, if it wasn't that it was such a good idea, I would call you irresponsible and all kinds of nasty names, but since I agree and you've done this accordingly to meet the concerns of the Chairman, I'm agreeable to your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, Senator Erdman and Senator Jensen's fine comments, I would return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on FA168, which is an amendment to the Erdman amendment, AM1249, to LB 709. Open for discussion. Anybody wishing to discuss FA168? Seeing no lights on, Senator Flood, I recognize you to close.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a quick floor amendment that essentially just says that as part of our study under LB 709, that the group will consider whether or not Nebraska is maximizing the dollars we get for Medicaid, and if there is concern that maybe we are not, then they will make suggestions regarding how we could go about maximizing that, whether by contracting with a national entity or working within our competent system over at Health and Human Services. So there is no money attached to this; this will not cause an A bill to increase the funding. This is a commonsense approach to try to resolve an issue that we all have some concern about, whether or not we're getting as much Medicaid funding as