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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your amendment to the Jensen amendment, on FA182.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. AM1289, the Jensen amendment, sought to strike the safety provisions that I have worked hard for quite some time on. I am not quite certain of Senator Jensen's motives for striking the safety provisions and I will refrain from speculating as to Senator Jensen's motives. In some discussions prior to last week's debate, (laugh) I was led to believe that the compromise was something that it turned out not to be. That's why I could not support the Jensen, quote, unquote, so-called compromise, and that is why I filed FA182 that is basically part of the Jensen amendment. It restores some of the safety provisions in the green copy, all of the safety provisions in the green copy, and then it would be 60 days ongoing, the months of July and August ongoing, and that way... (laugh) that I'm giving up quite a bit there, not that I absolutely have to do that, but I am anxious to hear from Senator Jensen as to his ideas on this. I would have one question for Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question from Senator Smith?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Jensen, is it your intent to not allow a vote of 25 to occur?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. On your...on LB 70, that is correct.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. Okay, so I'm a little bit more understanding of Senator Jensen's intent with the amendments and certainly we can deal with that as we need to. I am looking for some ways to hasten the process, but we will get to that when we get there. So I would appreciate the body's patience in this and I apologize that we're having to take up what I believe is an unnecessary amount of time to make a decision. And with that, I would encourage further debate and