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Redfield, Senator McDonald, Senator Friend, Senator Bourne. Senator Wehrbein, Senator Redfield, the house is under call. Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne, would you...thank you. I'm sorry. Didn't mean to scare you. All members are present or accounted for. Senator Engel, how did you wish to proceed?

SENATOR ENGEL: Roll call vote, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Roll call vote has been requested on the call of the question of AM1598. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1502.) 21 ayes, 18 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Was not successful. Debate does not cease. I do raise the call. Senator Louden, you're recognized.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Every once in a while in life, it looks like we get a chance to straighten out something we probably screwed up earlier. And this looks like probably one of those opportunities. I think...I want to thank Senator Beutler for coming forward with an amendment like this. It takes somebody like Senator Beutler to figure this out, and probably do what we can to make this thing right. I agree that this is something that shouldn't be left like this. I think it was way too much when we did it the first time around, and I think it's...this probably brings it a little bit more in line. And I think by adopting this amendment, we at least look like we have some...a little bit more fiscal responsibility and with what we're doing, rather than going out with...scattering the money all over the place. I couldn't understand, to start with, why, when we were trying to be fiscally responsible, that this bill ever came up with the amount of money that was in it. When it was a bill in there, it had, like, a \$20 million to \$25 million fiscal note on it over a period of five years. So this was something that, whoever intended to get it started, it wasn't going to be something that was just out for a year or two. This originally...the original idea was for five years or more. So once the thought was out there, why, it was always going to be out there. So I think this is something a little bit more in