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don't have enough parking for our employees, for our visitors. Certainly, we have a lot to the south. We all have the luxury of parking in the east lot. However, there's a two- or three-year wait to get into that south lot. And frankly, many of our employees don't even apply for that, because they don't know how long they're going to be here. We do have turnover. I know that my staff, both new this year, every two hours they go out to their cars and move their cars so they're not ticketed. And unfortunately, they do get ticketed once in a while. More importantly, our constituents, those that come to testify, those that come to visit, have a difficult time finding a place to park. Now, an argument might be that when our constituents come, many times it's during hearings. And obviously, you know, it's very busy around here. But you can park further away from the Capitol on the street. And our staff could do the very same thing. However, late at night, as we are tonight--and some of us do still have staff in the building--there is concern...many of them have concern about walking three or four blocks in the dark to get to their car. I think it's responsible of this body to study and determine what the parking needs are. I originally asked for an appropriation to build a parking garage, and soon saw the folly in that request. So I'm asking that we get a handle on..."we" meaning the Legislature, get a handle on the parking needs, the parking availability, again, in and around our State Capitol. And to do that, estimated that the cost would be approximately \$30,000. I don't know, it may be \$10,000. But we do have to look at this problem, and we do have to come up with some kind of a solution, long-term. There are currently 75 employees waiting on a parking...on the list to park in the south garage. And the final statistic of the evening I will throw at you is that in the month of February, which was the month before I introduced this bill, there were 210 tickets written for violation of our two-hour parking. That's 12 a day. That's our constituents. That's the folks we work with. And I think it's time that we come up with a plan, develop a plan that solves the parking problem, perhaps once and for all, around the Capitol. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. You've heard the opening on AM1472. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Stuthman, Senator Don Pederson,