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LB 426, 548

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Chambers, there are no more lights on. You're recognized to close on AM1574.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate the comments that were made this morning. The primary focus that I'm offering today is to return everything to status quo ante, meaning before the difficulties that arose surrounding the way LB 548 was handled. The vote that adopted my version of this amendment was straight up, forthright, and by a majority of the members. What I am proposing to do here today, and Senator Brashear touched on the process that brought us to where we are today, is to return that set of circumstances to where they were. I just told Senator Jensen that if my language is adopted, that will not be the completed story of LB 548. There are remaining provisions which were contained in that bill. They were put into an amendment which Senator Jensen had offered to this bill, LB 426. Because of the controversy, he withdrew that amendment. I told him that since I'm trying to put everything back where it was, when my language, as I expect it to be, is adopted, he should then reoffer the amendment that he withdrew. And once that has been done we will be where we were at the outstart. I hope that is what will be done once again. What we are voting today to do is to reaffirm what the Legislature did a few days ago. I hope you may have noticed that I've steered clear of discussing any of the underlying attitudes and so forth, because those positions had been stated by me and I think very clearly. This that I'm doing today doesn't go into all of that and doesn't need to. Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a call of the house and I will accept a machine vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized