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any announcements or items?

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, please inform the body where we left off when we recessed for lunch.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers had presented FA258 as an amendment to LB 312.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Those to speak yet on the Chambers amendment, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I think I'm Senator Chambers' most reliable voter on this issue, on the body, over time. I want to say two things. One, I think if this is a requirement, it should start with us. I don't think Senator Chambers and I disagree. This should cover state government. State government should live by this principle. I am going to follow the same pattern that I have been doing so far, which is, if you want to stick this in the bill, I'll carry the bill. I'm going to vote "not voting," even though I happen to be a supporter of this idea. I've achieved what I think is something that...a relatively good balance here. It's true, by the way, I don't hear yes or no from the lobby. I think from their perspective, if this is what happens, this is what happens. However, I do think that the first place where we should be doing this is in our own house, and that is state government. But should this be successful, I will carry the bill forward and be just fine with it. I will try to keep to the tenor of what's in the bill, which is LB 312, which is a tax incentive package designed to foster economic development. This is a piece of social justice that should come over time, it should come to all employers, it should start with us. But I won't assist, at this moment in time, on this bill with this amendment. I'm going to be "not voting," and I will live with whatever the body decides to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. On with discussion of FA258. Senator Chambers.