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converted to viable business enterprises. I don't know that there's a business that would oppose my amendment. Nebraska, through its Legislature, has whined until I cannot bear it any longer about Nebraska having to try to catch up to what other states have done. Missouri has done this; well, Kansas is doing that. Senator Raikes even told us some things that Arkansas is doing. This would put Nebraska in the forefront. The entire pack is now at the heels of Nebraska. This will take the wind out of their sails and we will see how many states will try to match Nebraska here. No state, no state could match Nebraska. This is an amendment whose time has come and, in the same way that Richard Nixon opened the lines of communication between the United States and China, I'm the one to offer this amendment to free business of its shackles. I think this is an amendment that ought to be adopted. Otherwise, I would not have offered it. In the same way that some people may be looking for a seat in Congress, to those in the lobby, I may be looking for a job. (Laughter) However, I'm not doing it for that purpose because I cannot work for anybody. I'm doing this because it's the right thing to do and I think my colleagues should support it. What argument can be given against it? You cannot argue that business ought to be paying taxes. Everything has been done to nibble away at that responsibility, then to take huge chunks out of it, huge gluttonous mouthfuls that stick to the roof of the mouth, the teeth and the tongue, so that you can't even speak in a way that people can understand you anymore. I'll see whether I am required to say anything else based on any debate that may occur. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA270, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 312. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers won't let me call the question right now, so we'll wait on that. Before we go any further, and this has not much...nothing to do with this amendment, if I could ask Senator Landis a question, please, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you respond?