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and the state's finances. And we won't...don't want an open checkbook. That would be going back to the Cash Reserve issue. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...part of it is, I'm reluctant to have to do this. Because I know the intentions are good, particularly with Senator Bourne, to try keep...make it look like it. I've been in that same position arguing that before, too. On the other hand, we made some commitments here in getting the General Fund money that we did, which I consider significant this year, considering, going back Christmastime, we had zero General Fund money. And so we've made a stride. And we had...my checkoff bill was significant...it was a half cent. Now we're at an eighth. So we've made some strides, that I believe. I think LB 312 is going to help parts of the state that right now are feeling shorted. There are some things in this bill that are going to help the rural parts of the state. And it...still in all, you have to go back, you're going to have to help themselves, in many parts of the state. We can't have big daddy coming in and doing it. So with that, I oppose this amendment, and I will oppose...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...continue to...amendment in its entirety, AM1631, I'll oppose, too.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR LANDIS: Hear! Hear! A voice of moderation. A guy who says in December we didn't have anything; now we've got a bunch of money to work on ethanol, some of it from the General Fund. We've made progress, with a balance that has been achieved with some care and attention. Here's the problem. We're going to have the Connealy amendment to the amendment to get to, then we're going to have the Bourne underlying amendment, and it will...it's going to be convoluted. My answer is, I don't want to tear...I don't want to deal with them apart, because I oppose