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SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Needless to say, I'm strongly opposed to the amendment. I've been opposed to these amendments all along. And this is, what, the fourth or fifth time we've had to deal with this issue? And probably deal with it some more yet this session. I have a specific concern about this particular version of the amendment, in that it speaks to any agency which receives funding. And a reasonable interpretation of the word "agency" could refer to a whole host of players who are receiving state funding by virtue of the state budget--contractors, grantees, all kinds of entities that are receiving funds. And the breadth of this amendment is just astonishing. It goes far beyond what we did on LB 426, which only applies to four specific institutions. But this takes us a quantum leap beyond that, and reaches not only to state government agencies, but also to private players, private parties and entities that are receiving state funds. So there are many, many reasons to oppose this amendment. That's just another reason. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Further discussion, the motion to return for specific amendment? Senator Chambers, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, in the context of a budget bill, the term "agency" applies to state agencies, and we know that. This is not a generalized amendment or proposal that goes beyond these agencies of the state which are going to be funded by way of this budget bill. I'm asking that we vote to return this bill to Select File, at which time I will attempt to persuade you to add this proposal. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on the motion to return. The question before the body is, shall shall LB 425E be returned for specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the motion to return for a specific amendment. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.