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regard. So the constitutionality issue is gone, the federal law issue is gone, the Bellevue thing is...I don't even know what that's about. I drafted that amendment; it has to do with Papillion. And lastly, I want to say that Senator Landis voted the bill out. He voted for this bill out of committee. It came out unanimously. Listen, I wasn't even going to turn my light on. I don't know if it's going to be recommitted to committee or not, and you what? Quite honestly, at the 80th day of the legislative session, I don't know if it matters. But here's why I turned my light on to talk about this one more time. I looked at LB 48 and the amendments and motions filed to that. And Senator Landis has filed a motion on General File, and he's filed a motion on Select File. And if you look at your gadget, you can see what those motions do, but the intent of Senator Landis is to stifle debate. He doesn't want a discussion on this issue, as apparent or evidenced by the motions he's filed on LB 48. I do believe that this is a significant public policy issue. There's a lot of people in our state that use gas. This is important; it matters to them. It's relevant as to their service; it's relevant as to their rates. Senator Landis, by him filing these two amendments or motions on LB 48, has clearly stated he doesn't want any negotiation, he doesn't want to craft the best policy for the state. He simply wants to ram LB 48 down our throats and the throats of the people in this state that receive natural gas service. I find that offensive. Listen, the Speaker asked me to yield some time to him. He wanted to explain procedurally why we're discussing this today, and with that, Mr. President, I will yield the remainder of my time to Speaker Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, about a minute, twenty.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Thank you, Senator Bourne. I thought it might be helpful...Senator Schimek in her discussion made inquiry as to why we were where we are in relationship to the order of LB 748 and LB 48, and I thought it might be helpful to the body, or at least informative, to explain. I had been trying to schedule the reconsideration by Senator Chambers of the recommit to committee motion.