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LB 478

SENATOR CORNETT: ...in the state. It's their children.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Cornett, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator, I appreciate your efforts. As I've indicated before, it's not my intent to delay here, because we do have Select File. Would you entertain an amendment on Select File to slow down the phase-in so that everyone could benefit from across the state, so that...and it's basically the green copy but a little slower phase-in so that we can afford it up-front, and then end up over time with a policy that will benefit the entire state rather than just Sarpy County?

SENATOR CORNETT: Senator Smith, your question has put me in somewhat of a difficult position. Yes, obviously, I would support LB 478 in its original form, and I also looked in the beginning, when I realized that it was not going to be able to come out of committee, at doing something very similar to what you're suggesting to benefit the entire state and lower the fiscal note and spread it out over a period of years. If such an amendment was offered, I would have to sit down and speak with the members of the Revenue Committee, who I agreed with to send this amendment out. But that is what I was planning on doing in the future, next year, was doing exactly what you're suggesting.

SENATOR SMITH: And prioritizing it?

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SMITH: And so I sense that you have an open mind to