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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment before us, AM1355, simply corrects a miscalculation. I had drafted the amendment so that it read \$123,152. The correct amount is \$126,846. I would urge your adoption of AM1355.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on AM1355. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted to the committee amendments? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Bourne amendment, AM1355. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bourne's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1355 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next motion, please.

CLERK: Senator Bourne would move to amend with AM1349, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1647-1648.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, to open on AM1349 to AM1332.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This amendment was brought to me by the Supreme Court, and it basically gives the court the authority to accept credit cards, as provided in subsection (3) of Section 81-118.01 of our statutes. It allows the court to charge a fee to reflect handling and payment costs only. The fee can only be charged if it is allowed by the operating rules and regulations of the credit card company. The Supreme Court currently operates under a Chapter 33 fee statute, but would like to switch its authority to collect this fee to Section 81.118.01, to align itself with other state agencies. And again, all it would allow the court to do is align itself with the other agencies and pass on handling fees, if the credit card company agreement allows such. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the