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SENATOR LOUDEN: I guess most of them, the reason they still...several of them oppose it. The reason that opposition is less is because they've been told that if you don't want to get involved, then don't adopt the plan. There was some of the counties thought it was mandatory until it was pointed out to them that it isn't a mandatory plan; that it's optional.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. You've heard the closing on FA...Senator Chambers, do you want to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. I want to withdraw that pending motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. It is withdrawn. FA286 is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to Senator Louden's AM1587 is by Senator Chambers, FA287. (Legislative Journal page 1677.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA287.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Probably no amendments to E & R amendments have been analyzed in this fashion, but this is a bill that deals with a subject about which I have great concern, and that is the welfare of some of nature's little creatures who cannot defend themselves, who have not offended against their own nature. Before I carry Senator Louden through a discussion of this portion, because it seems relatively clear in what it does, let's go back to the beginning, or as close to the beginning as we can. Senator Aguilar, in the beginning there was nothing, just a great void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of He who does all things moved upon the waters and said...what was the first thing He said? Let there be...OPPD (inaudible) gives it to you...let there be what? Light. And there was light, and the evening and the morning were the first day. At some point during that process the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, all the planets were thrown out there, and critters were placed on the earth. For whatever reason, they were placed on the earth. Each category of critter, they're called species now, was imbued with a nature or