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is currently going around, or a group, that is studying the availability and affordability of insurance in the state of Nebraska. That report was tentatively final on May 1. They're having public town hall meetings throughout the state over the next couple months. I have full intention of seeing that information included in this process as we continue forward. So the body can choose to do what they will with the Chambers amendment. I personally believe that it's all right. I think it's all right to adopt the idea of returning this bill to Select File to adopt the Chambers amendment to allow this information to be collected in the way that Senator Chambers is asking, plain and simple. There are other...there are many other issues that I think we have covered. I think there are things that individuals are going to vote one way or another, based on their perceptions, and I think the realities of the debate will weigh out in the long term as far as what the intent is. This is a process that must begin now and this is a process that must include individuals who are involved, must include individuals who are affected, and it must include us as policymakers. So, to the extent that we can further that process and accomplish the goal that is in the underlying bill and then to gather the information that Senator Chambers has pointed out in the actual Final Reading copy of the bill, on page 3, I think it's appropriate. And I will allow you to choose how you will proceed, but as far as I'm concerned I think it is an appropriate amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Schimek, did you wish to...thank you. There's no further lights on. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close. Senator Chambers waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 709 be returned for a specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the motion to return who care to? Voting on the motion to return LB 709 for a specific amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Technically, Senator Chambers, we are on Final Reading, as you know, so...