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LR 98

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Landis.
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SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the Bourne amendment, FA324? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Voting on ceasing debate on the Bourne amendment, FA324. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close on FA324 to LR 98.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, again, my amendment eliminates the language calling for impeachment and allows the Executive Board of the Legislature to appoint a special committee to consider and recommend all legislative options. The Executive Board may hire special counsel, but will finance whatever investigation is necessary. With that, I guess Senator Chambers feels it's been too quiet this afternoon and he's asked me to yield the remainder of his time. Hopefully, he won't mess this up for me. But in all seriousness, I would urge your adoption of this amendment. I think it's a fair compromise. It makes sense. I think it makes...I think it sends a message to other people who might do this in the future that the Legislature is going to treat this seriously and look into it. With that, I'd urge your adoption of this amendment. I'd yield the remainder of my closing to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about 4 minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I especially thank Senator Bourne for that ringing endorsement and the confidence he expressed in me. (Laughter) But I want this time just to explain one point, which I'm sure is evident to everybody, but I want it to be in the forefront of our mind. If