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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: We now go on to General File, special order, LB 542A. Please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 542A, by Senator Burling. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, you're recognized to open on LB 542A.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you very much, Mr. President. LB 542A, of course, is appropriations bills for the mainline bill, LB 542, which creates the tax reform commission that we dealt with a couple weeks ago. I thank my colleagues for advancing that to Select File, and I'll apologize to them for any part that I played in the confusion that existed on getting the A bill advanced. And so I want to thank the Speaker for putting this back on the agenda. It contains \$100,000 amount on the A bill, and it has an amendment on it, and so I think I'll just close with that for the opening and let you consider the amendment, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Members, I know it's Monday morning, but please try to keep the noise to a moderate level. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA351. (Legislative Journal page 357.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 542A.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I strongly opposed LB 542. It's setting up some kind of group who will make a study relative to taxation. This is the A bill, and I'm separating my strong opposition to LB 542, the underlying bill, from LB 542A. Since the body voted cloture so that they could move that bill, it means they want it, that they support it, and they support it to such an extent they're willing to let it cast a pall over the rest of the session, along with other