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opponents during the committee hearing. Subsequent to the committee hearing, just within the last week or two, the Bankers Association took an interest in it and asked us to narrow its focus. We worked with Bob Hallstrom and the bankers. The focus was narrowed. They are satisfied. So the material that we want to put in has absolutely no opposition, to the best of my knowledge, or to the best of the knowledge of anyone who's been working with us on this bill. Having said that, it makes no sense to go into LB 75 itself and explain to you the intricacies of that particular bill, and I hope that you will allow us to take up the Landis amendment and see what you think about it, and if it appears to be okay to you, to allow us to put it into the bill. And with that, I would stop. Senator Friend does have committee amendments. The Landis amendment will be an amendment to the committee amendments. I wish to thank Senator Friend for his just total cooperation in trying to work through things and work things out in a way that is helpful to the city of Lincoln, and which can be helpful, as we will come to explain it, to any community that's interested in establishing or happens to get money that can be put into an endowment fund and used for community purposes. And I hope we can have a good discussion on that. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Senator Beutler. There are committee amendments, as stated. Senator Friend, Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, you're recognized to open on AM0022.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. As mentioned, Senator Beutler laid out the situation here, albeit a little bit of a convoluted one, we've been through it before. The bottom line is that this set of committee amendments is a cleanup of the original LB 75, but Senator Landis' amendment to the committee amendments cleans it up, according to the negotiation and the discussion in regard to the way this bill needed to look. So if there are any questions, I'm sure one of us would be happy to field it. Senator Beutler has worked diligently on this bill for...this effort and this initiative for, boy, it seems like years now. The bottom line, I would ask to move through the committee amendments, work Senator Landis' initiative into the puzzle, and