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engage Senator Langemeier in a brief discussion the next time I'm recognized, just to flesh out the record, because I attempted to speak for him earlier, and I should not have. I don't really know what his intentions are. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, there are no lights on. Do you wish to close...or, your light is on. Do you wish to speak, or close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This will be my close, my closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Langemeier, I had stated that you had no intentions to slam anybody or any group by the use of that terminology that we're discussing. That's my opinion. Is it correct?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: That would be correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Would you have any objection to that language being stricken from the bill?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: I am checking, having staff check right now to the federal requirements, and if...to verify whether that has to be there or not. And I can get back to you on that in just a minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And why would the federal government require it, if they do? Do you think it could be thoughtlessness on their part? Or maybe they have some nefarious notion in mind?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Probably the concern was never risen, I would assume.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is every word contained in the federal criteria your bill deals with, is every word required to be adopted? Or is the state at liberty to excise some inconsequential things, such as what we're discussing here, if you know?