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The Governor would not go for it, and nobody else would. But soon as a person becomes a corpse, a carcass, dead clay, as Shakespeare called it, dead, bloodless clay, all of a sudden there's this great concern about the dead, respecting the dead, honoring the dead. And I'll quote what I did on the floor the other day. Jesus said, let the dead bury the dead. We should be concerned with and about the living. But if you're going to set aside money in this fashion, I'm not going to agree to cutting out a small area of the state while knowingly and intentionally and by the language of the law itself affirmatively excluding two of the most populous counties in the state. I want to listen to any debate that occurs, and see what opposition there would be to my amendment. Remember, my amendment does not overturn any deals that have been struck. My amendment simply takes away a prohibition which, as Senator Thompson pointed out, was put into the law at the time this original legislation came into being. It was put there to avoid the very thing that Senator Louden is trying to do now; namely, raid the treasury to get some money for a certain specified area. Well, since you're going to breach the reason for that prohibition, let us remove the prohibition altogether. Then Sarpy County, Douglas County, if they choose, can put in a bid for some General Fund money to go toward the providing of a veterans cemetery. What could be wrong with that? Senator Louden gets what he wants, I am placated, and no additional money is obligated by the acceptance of my amendment. I will listen to the debate. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA423 to LB 996. Open for discussion. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Over the years, in the business I was in, every once in a while you buy a horse and you bring him home and you think he's just a mediocre horse, and then when you get him home you find out you can rope and drag, you can do anything you want to do with him in the world. And that's kind of the way this bill is. We've been working at it for three years to try to get funding for all of the cemeteries. And if you notice, in the bill it still continues to talk about all three veterans cemeteries in