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borrowers to benefit from this circumstance, reducing their costs of borrowing and putting them...and permitting them to take advantage of these federal tax provisions. The mechanism allows for the qualification of a project to be tax-exempt and...a qualified tax-exempt program...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time is up, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: Oh. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis and Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (FA436, Legislative Journal page 615.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, Senator Landis' explanation did remind me of what I need to be aware of in terms of this bill and my objection. It is not to the thrust of the bill. But on page 2, in line 25, I would strike the word "primarily." The way Senator Landis has the bill crafted, it says, in pertinent part, beginning in line 24, "other than property used or to be used primarily for sectarian instruction or study" and so forth. I want to strike that word "primarily" so that the language would say the property shall not be used for sectarian purposes. And the word "purposes" I'm using just as a shorthand for the listing of items in the proposal. I want to maintain in this state a sharp line of demarcation, a clear line, between church activities and the state. I have tried to do that in the Legislature by getting rid of a chaplain and that prayer every morning. I have been unsuccessful so far. But the worst enemy of the "pray-ers" are those who do the prayers, as was demonstrated by that Reverend "Warthog" who was here a few days ago. I do not want the Constitution of Nebraska to contain any language weakening that separation. I do not want the constitution to proclaim that benefits are going to be made available for any sectarian activity. And, Mr. President, while my time continues to run, I'm going to take a moment of consultation. I don't know whether I'm going into the woodshed,