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incentive, and I acknowledge that. What isn't true is that incentives were indifferent, that they didn't exist, that Cabela's came here anyway without the help of incentives. We just changed the level of government that came up with those incentives. We changed the format in which they occurred. And the project size got downsized. And you know what it got downsized to? Essentially, the amount of incentive. So what is true is that Senator Chambers may not have gotten credit for stopping the state from being the one to give the incentive, and he should be given that credit, because he gets it, because he's exactly right. What's not true, however, is that incentives weren't part of the mix, that they weren't forthcoming, and they weren't related to behavior. They were. Now, about this situation, absolutely there is a guess, a prediction, a hope. It will...we don't know whether or not this will have the desired effect. But you can't use the Cabela's situation as an argument that this bill won't be successful, because the Cabela's situation showed that incentives were effective. In fact, the size of the project varied with the amount of incentive that was given. Now, back to the idea here. Understand, this is for, it's true, high-paying jobs. But the purpose of it is to create a body of workers sufficient to induce economic activity. I believe in the underlying concept. I think it's narrow compared to so many claims against our income tax code for pension relief, if you will. And I do think it has a chance of being successful. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 996A to Select File. Confirmation hearing report from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Government Committee reports LB 1067 to General File. Revenue Committee reports LB 808 to General File with committee amendments attached. Health Committee reports LB 854, LB 1178 to General File with committee amendments attached, likewise LB 1179. Transportation reports LB 837 to General File with amendments attached. Amendments to be printed: Senator Burling, LB 818; Senator Bourne, LB 248; Senator Beutler, LB 188; Senator Schrock, LB 508; Senator Bourne, LB 1249; Senator Baker, LB 248.