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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CORNETT: You're done? Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers does not wish to have it, so your time is up.

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Cornett's amendment with AM2539. (Legislative Journal page 832.)

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have made a promise to myself to stop this bill. Some people have come to me, who hadn't expressed an opinion, who said they're now against it. There are other people who told me they will vote for cloture, but they won't vote for the bill. That leaves things too iffy. I'm now going to use the rules to stop this bill. I have an amendment up there whose intent is to make it clear to the public and any veterans or their supporters what it is that Senator Jensen, Senator Redfield, Senator Cornett, Senator Janssen, and others who have spoken for this bill are in fact doing. By virtue of offering the amendment, it will be printed in the Journal and be there for everybody to see. By reading it, it will be a part of the transcript. And by discussing it, anybody watching us now will know what's going on here. And I'm going to read the amendment. "Insert the following new section: The Legislature hereby finds and declares that: (1) Some veterans are more worthy of special, favorable treatment by the state than others; (2) not all veterans who served honorably should be deemed by the state to be worthy of equal treatment when special tax benefits are to be bestowed; (3) the basis for creating an elitist group of veterans who are entitled to receive special tax benefits from the state is not the nature of their service while on active