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discussions that we had this morning. The amendment before you simply substitutes the word "contiguous" for "nearby." As the discussion went forth, other senators mentioned that mere geographical proximity or distance would not necessarily provide a rational basis for a comparison of the kind to be done by this tax commission. Some states may be farther away geographically, but far more akin to Nebraska, based on demographics, than some of the states that are closer geographically speaking. The reason I had used the word "contiguous" is because in many instances when we're trying to make a comparison between what happens in Nebraska and other places, those surrounding and bordering states are the ones generally referred to. But as the discussion expanded and we talked about comparisons made for comparability purposes in establishing wages, benefits, and other things, states that may not be as near to Nebraska as others will nevertheless, demographically speaking, be more akin to this state. So what I intend to do, when I complete my presentation here, is withdraw that pending amendment, for two reasons. I drafted it to the incorrect amendment. Mine was drafted to AM1834. Subsequent to that, E & R amendments were adopted. Not too much changed, but nevertheless, my amendment should go to the proper document that we're considering. So I am going to withdraw that amendment which is on the desk and being discussed at this point, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA335 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would offer FA336.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA336 to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is going to the proper amendment, AM7136. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, would you respond?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, isn't it true that we should