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SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think I asked you the question too early in the debate. (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Burling. Members of the Legislature, it is a good amendment. There are other amendments that could be offered to this bill which would improve it if you intend to enact it, which I hope you don't. I know the state is awash in money. The state, Senator Friend, has more money than the senators know what to do with. But this is one of the things...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we ought to have sense enough...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on FA541? Senator Chambers, there are no lights on. I will recognize you to close on FA541.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schimek was occupied when I first started on this, but I had mentioned that, based on comments she made, and I didn't mention Senator Flood and Janssen by name at this time, but the amendment that I'm offering now is designed to incorporate, in a few words, the essence of that discussion. So in order that people will be aware of what this amendment is, I will tell you again. Instead of saying that this comparison we've been discussing would be made to the United States as a whole and nearby states, it would strike "nearby" and read instead "compared to the United States as a whole and states having demographics similar to those of Nebraska." And that would let the commission know that there should be some basis for making a comparison. How will the commission know which states have demographics similar to those of Nebraska? That information, obviously, is readily available and accessible, and it won't cost \$250,000 to access it. I don't think you have to