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in line 22, strike the word "nearby," and after the word "states," insert "having demographics similar to those of Nebraska." And here's the way the line that is amended and the line preceding it would read when taken together. Beginning in line 21: "Examine tax rates as compared to the United States as a whole and states having demographics similar to those of Nebraska." That's the amendment. Senator Burling said he will accept it, so I have nothing further to offer on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA544. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers, there are no lights on. Senator Chambers waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of FA544 to LB 542. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on the Chambers amendment, FA544. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA544 has been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, for a motion.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move to advance LB 542 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 542 to E & R for engrossing. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will speak one time, then I'm going to ask for a machine vote. This bill does not embrace sound policy. It is unnecessary. I do not believe it will produce anything of consequence and significance. Spending \$250,000 for something such as this I think can be described as spendthrift and wasteful, profligate, and it should not be done. If there are people who call themselves fiscal conservatives,