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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, as you laid things out when you were speaking, you had expressed the opinion that the bill will die, or stands a good chance of dying one place or the other. If my amendment were adopted, it's your view that, were it put on the ballot, it could not pass if the people of Omaha took umbrage at the fact that Omaha had been excluded from the reach of the bill, and it would not be able to garner enough votes in the rest of the state, or from the rest of the state, to pass. So if it was going to die, you would just as soon it die here. Is that basically what you said?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I think that's basically right, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you said you would as soon that it die here, did you mean today necessarily, or in the Legislature, if it must come to that unfortunate turn of events?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I just mean in the legislative process generally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the legislative process extends beyond today. Would you agree?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I have to think a long time about that one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Think about it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator Beutler, there have been times since I've been in the Legislature where I have changed my mind, and you might be aware, without being able to put your finger exactly on one of them, when that occurred. Is that correct?