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SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, if you recall a little bit about the discussion last week, we finished up sort of at the point where Senator Chambers... I don't think we finished up at this point, but we established that Senator Chambers was laying the ... well, I wouldn't say a gauntlet, but he was offering me up as being some sort of a Solomon, a King Solomon, where I would have to make a decision in regard to LB 1175 and, well, possibly even sacrifice a portion of it that...LB 1175 obviously includes the five provisions that we laid out last week, which I'll also address again briefly in a moment. And I've talked to Senator Chambers a couple of times about it, and here's, to me, the bottom line. We've already been through a certain amount of debate and discussion and analysis in regard to LB 1175. We've adopted, you know, some amendments. Senator Beutler's provision was part of that, part of that Urban Affairs Committee amendment. And I think here's where we are, like I said, the bottom line with me. Senator Chambers makes an interesting point. There's give and take in all the political things that we do out here. But I think he's established a few things and I'd like to...of his own, and I'd like to establish a few things in regard to this proposal, a few things of my own. And one of the things is that I think that we have made a collective decision. Whether it was a well thought out and a very thorough analytical decision, that can still be debated, but we have made a conscious decision, I to adopt those committee amendments, which includes the provision, the Lincoln provision and all the other provisions, and this bill is whole now. We might not like the bill. Senator Chambers, I think in general probably, I'm not putting in his mouth, I don't think he necessarily has a huge problem with the overall...how...you know, how...what the bill He has a problem with a specific provision in encompasses. there. I understand that. But now it's a whole. We've done it before. We've pulled things out after, you know, after we've gone through some of that analysis and made some of those decisions. But I would submit to you this. He brought up a point the other day, and I agree with it, there is nothing, nothing in this entire bill that is extremely important, that we're all just chomping at the bit to get to. We all can think ... all 49 of us can think of things out there that we want