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FLOOR DEBATE

March 14, 2006 LB 1060

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1033.)
18 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. I do raise the call. Speaker Brashear, you're recognized to speak. Speaker Brashear waives his opportunity. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Chambers would move to recommit the LB 1060 to the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now it begins. This bill is in unacceptable form. What was added had not been considered by the Appropriations Committee. I don't know what the Appropriations Committee would have done had a bill, attempting to accomplish the same thing, been introduced and deemed to have gone to that committee appropriately. The fact is that we have something attached to the bill which is really a statement on the issue of choice. If you look at the people who voted against reconsideration and who voted for Senator Foley's proposal, it's crystal-clear what it is we're dealing with. So now we are at that impasse. We are at loggerheads. And I don't care how long we stay on the appropriations bill. If it's the last bill that we consider during the session, you know that's all right with me. I don't believe anybody can get 33 votes to stop debate on various amendments that I will offer, and they don't have to be mine. I don't have to originate the amendments. I will hitch a ride on these other proposals that people have that they want to attach to the bill, even if they are proposals that I agree with, in which case I'll vote for them, and if they prevail then I will have been on the prevailing side and I can reconsider. And if they fail, then I can reconsider. In any case, I can reconsider. This issue that we have been talking about is very serious. When you listen to what the intelligent women on the floor said, you got an idea of how this matter should be approached. There are some women who, because of their