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understandings have been reached, and I'm a part of them, I will stick by what it is that I said. And I can speak only for myself. I don't know what others may or may not do. And I do want to thank young Senator Bourne, who, as he mentioned this morning, will on occasion be confused and uncertain about what in the world is going on. But since I beamed something into his brain, everything he's doing right now is squarely on the money. And I do appreciate the fact that he gave me some time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Bourne. Senator Mines. Senator Mine waives his time. Senator Brown. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I am satisfied with the agreement. We've sort of worked it all out. Now it's working the language out, and so we're having a little difficulty in exactly the mechanism that would be put in place so that contractors would understand how they go about proving that this is an entity from which they would not receive sales tax for the purposes of remodeling. And so how we arrive at the language now is what we're trying to determine, and then we can move forward on the rest of the bill, and then hopefully deal with the other implications for housing authorities on the Synowiecki bill when it comes up. And so this is a little bit of where we were going, and at least where I wanted to go, and I'm very pleased that we can do it in a way that maintains the integrity of the underlying bill, because as opposed to Senator Chambers, who does not like the underlying bill, I do like it. I think that it is a little bit of sugar for everybody, may not do as much as I would like to do in certain areas, but I think that it meets the needs of putting together a package that most Nebraskans will be able to see does something for them. And that's something, in terms of tax policy, that I think is very good idea, a very good thing, that when we do tax cuts, everybody feels in some way that they've won. And I think that this package does that. As I said earlier, the package is held together by spit and good wishes (laugh) in many ways, didn't want to do anything that would disrupt the underlying merit of the bill. And so I think that we've arrived at that. But what we have not yet arrived at is the exact language. And