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SENATOR BAKER: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Mines would move to amend with FA623. (Legislative Journal page 1149.)

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Mines, to open on FA623.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. As I reviewed this bill, and let me apologize to Senator Stuhr. Earlier discussion, I picked on this bill maybe a little heavy-handedly and I apologize for that. It's a laudable bill and I know that it means a lot, not only to Senator Stuhr but to the education of all our kids. And FA623 simply puts a sunset provision on the bill rather than continue a program that I believe needs some jelling and some time to come together because there are no defined or clearly defined outcome. There isn't an outcome. The accountability, I think, will come but it will take a bit of time. But as we frequently do in this body, we determine that it should come back to us at a point in time so that we can either reauthorize the program or not. And I offer for your approval the amendment that would allow this to sunset and come back to the body in five years. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Stuhr, recognized to speak.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Mines and I have had a conversation and I am agreeable to the amendment. I think it is good policy to review, particularly a new program. So I will be supportive of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. There being no further lights on, Senator Mines, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR MINES: Again, I just explained what we need and I believe Senator Flood is looking for someone to buy time. But let me reexplain what this exactly does. Is that right, Senator Flood? You need some...we need some time. Again, quite frankly, let me review for you the reason that I think this is