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I'm not angry with Senator Jensen; he's trying to protect the bill. I would have done the same thing he has. But by God, if we don't act with integrity, we don't act with anything. We in good faith met with these people. The only opposition to this bill by the chiropractors was if they didn't adopt the amendment. Senator Jensen and the Health Committee did adopt it. And Loran Schmit, their highly paid lobbyist, tells me in the hallway a few days ago, oh, we got to oppose it because we haven't got the lien bill. It's not right. It is not right. And for him, Senator Jensen, to withdraw this because he's worried about the other bill, I understand it, but it rewards bad behavior. We saw the epitome of class tonight with Senator Brashear on a bill he felt passionate about. He knew Senator Beutler didn't have the votes. He showed class and he encouraged people to do what he finds repugnant and the bill went forward. It was the right thing to do, and tonight we've seen the epitome of classless in Senator Schmit's conduct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. On with discussion. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I feel like I'm in the middle of a cross fire here. (Laugh) I was going to talk to Senator Howard, if I may, about her proposal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you respond?

SENATOR HOWARD: Certainly.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Howard, with all due respect, I really don't have any idea what you're talking about here. (Laughter) You say it's the intent of the Legislature to appropriate. That should be an appropriation bill, and I think...is this an underlying bill that you had? Is this a bill that you presented?

SENATOR HOWARD: A bill that I had originally introduced?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR HOWARD: No.