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adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1249. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments by Chairman Friend. Mr. Clerk, a motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to the committee amendments, and amendments to the bill. Senator Friend, first amendment to the committee amendments is your AM2229. I have a note, Senator, you'd like to withdraw and substitute AM2708. (Legislative Journal page 1108.)

SENATOR FRIEND: That's correct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Without objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Friend, AM2708.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, to open.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and again, members of the Legislature. I voted no on this bill out of committee. You can look at the committee statement. I think that...committee statements don't always speak volumes. This is a confusing issue. Senator Landis has laid out an argument for LB 1249, and as always, fairly eloquently, understanding the issue, laying out the reasons to have legislation like this. I voted no out of the committee for a couple of key reasons. I'm going to get to that with my amendment. Obviously, this greatly resembled--not totally--but greatly resembled LB 48 from last year, a year ago, which actually was on General File. We had a chance to take a crack at that again, but I think wisely enough, Senator Landis decided to take a little bit different route. So one of the things that I guess, maybe if you can consider it this, a little bit of heartburn, had a little heartburn over, was the idea that we still could have had a chance or a bite at the apple, with a bill that was already out there. From the standpoint of running a committee, I thought it was a tad redundant. That's a minor reason. Here's a major reason that I voted against it. I had determined, based on the hearing, a lot