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support LB 1249. Senator Friend has a very interesting amendment, though. I haven't made up my mind on that. So I'll continue to listen, and return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM2708? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on ceasing debate. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Members, have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Friend, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I probably would have gone through...there are other sections that we're removing with AM2708 from Senator Landis' bill, and there are very good reasons why we're removing them. When I ran out of time last time I had pointed out that there are such things out here as people solutions, and then there are legislative solutions that we deal with. I think that we...I think that AM2708, if adopted, will provide us with framework that will create an environment for people solutions, for the opportunity for the Public Service Commission to look at the statutes improved, and once what some would determine inadequate statutes enhanced, and give the Public Service Commission the ability to say, yes, we can effectively regulate this area of this business. We can do that, because we know what we're doing. There's one more piece of this, of AM2708, if adopted, removes from here. This is very problematic. Section 8 of Senator Landis' bill reads that the exclusive service areas for each jurisdictional utility or metropolitan utilities district, as established and modified, are shown on the official map. After notice and hearing to affected