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LB 1249

check in, please? Senator Janssen. Senator Johnson. Senator Flood, thank you. Senator Heidemann. Senators Schrock, Kruse, and Synowiecki, and Aguilar. Senator Heidemann. Senator Kruse. Senator...Senator Synowiecki. The house is under call. Senator Heidemann. All members are present or accounted for. Call-in votes have been accepted. Mr. Clerk. The question is, shall debate cease on reconsideration motion of AM2708?

CLERK: Senator Kruse voting yes, Senator Chambers voting no, Senator Thompson voting yes, Senator Redfield voting yes, Senator Engel voting yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate that. I put up the reconsideration motion because, quite frankly, I'm astonished at what we're doing. We have the Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee, who has said there's no problem, let's do this amendment, AM2708. We have two entities represented by one lobbyist that said, let's go with LB 1249, or at least I should say they testified in support of the bill. I don't know if it was their bill. Senator Landis says it wasn't; I appreciate that. The reasons that Senator Landis articulated to adopt LB 1249 are genuine, if they really are happening, and you know, this is the most difficult issue I think I've dealt with, because if you go to the Aquila people they'll tell you one thing; you go to the MUD people they tell you something else; you go to the Kinder Morgan folks it's a whole different story, and there's another gas company, Northwestern or Northeastern, whatever it is; you go to them and it's a different story yet. I'm not saying they're all not telling the actual story; it's just...I don't know. Maybe the issue is so complicated the only person in here that can understand it is Senator Landis. But when the Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee says stop, there's a problem, let's not go forward with this, and to his credit--to Senator Friend's credit--I have