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timing, it strikes references to exclusive service territories. I can't win that fight under these conditions because I can't get to a majority vote in time today to do it. I'll take this piece of the puzzle and you can all keep natural gas on the burner for future Legislatures with my (laugh) condolences. As Senator Friend's legal aide, the committee...Urban Affairs Committee Counsel Bill Stadtwald is drafting it, I'll cosign it. I'll offer it as soon as we can get to it. There's one provision that needs to be slightly different, and here's what we need to do. We need to accept the committee amendments, then adopt the Friend amendment which gives us the flipping of LB 78, which I believe the 22 votes that were reconsidering yesterday, including Senator Bourne's, wanted, and we can move on and go to the business of schools, that is, if MUD would let me do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Friend, there's six minutes left. Did you wish...where is Senator Friend? Senator Friend. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: I would ask to remove the bracket motion, Mr. Clerk, so that we can move forward with the committee amendments, AM2127, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The bracket motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk. Back to the committee amendments, as you know. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, we are having to wait for that amendment to come down from upstairs, so we do have a few moments, and I will take it now before we move the amendment that is before us. What we're witnessing here today is, as I alluded to before, a war, a war that's been going on at least eight years, since I've been here in the Legislature, a war that even after the adoption of the amendment that comes down will continue, and I regret to see that. Because, in fact, when there's a war, and the two parties are at war because they don't agree, oftentimes it means that an outside party has to come in and broker the treaty. And in that treaty agreement the most crucial part is where will the boundaries be, and that's what Senator Landis' bill was