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CLERK: A second from Senator Synowiecki; again a note to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It also is withdrawn.

CLERK: A third from Senator Synowiecki, but likewise, Mr. President, a note to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: A fourth from Senator Synowiecki, again a note to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It, too, is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Landis, AM2624.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Cornett, but it's actually filed to one of Senator Bourne's amendments, Mr. President. So I have nothing further to the bill at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Back to discussion of the bill itself. There are no lights on. Senator Landis, you are recognized to close on LB 1249, advancement to E & R Initial.

SENATOR LANDIS: The Grateful Dead have a famous album called "What a Long Strange Road (sic) It's Been." I would not have guessed until today that you couldn't accept an offer of taking less than half a loaf and have it not be acceptable, to accept an offer, to take an offer. It's a pretty amazing thing. Say, wait a second, yeah, okay, I will agree; well, now that I think about that, maybe we won't do that. This is as fraught, as tortuous, as fractionated an area of public policy as there is. Senator Friend and I have agreed on a simple principle. I've accepted and acceded to his wishes that were, I think, supported by Senator Bourne and Senator Friend on the first day of our discussion. There's one idea--our existing process that we're