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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...to talk about details. But there's not much time to talk about whether that child today in kindergarten or first grade or second grade is learning, because they only get one chance in that grade and they better learn to read or they're going to pay for it the rest of their lives. We're spending too much time, too much money, too much energy, too much diversion of our attention on the things that don't matter when we should be focused on what does matter. Please help us move LB 1024 forward so that we can bring our community back together. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Howard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there comes a time when the longest serving member and whoever happens to be the Speaker must come together and think about process. We're at that point in the session now where process is as important as the substantive issues. I think what ought to be done, and you know what my view is, I want to retain the amendment that I added to this bill. It's a part of the committee amendment. Defeat Senator Cornett's motion, advance the bill, let it be processed so that it can be advanced again this afternoon. And there's still time for additional discussion. If this bill doesn't move, all bets are off. OPS has triumphed absolutely. If there is this much momentum and they can find a way to trick and delude the senators into giving them their way, they know this much momentum will never be generated again. They don't have to respond to the problems of black students and poor white students, because they never have. This is the closest that they have been brought to accountability, and if they escape this time they don't have to listen to anybody. You know why they don't worry about the Legislature? Because many of the people who are here now won't be here next session. That's what they count on. The bill must stay alive and it must move, in my opinion. When Senator Bourne was suggesting that Senator Beutler ought not vote for cloture, Senator Bourne should say Senator Cornett has no business