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something we can afford to do? Can we replace these funds? Is this a good idea? Thank you, Senator Cornett, for presenting the issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Further discussion? Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to support Senator Cornett's amendment. I'm kind of at a loss as to what to do now. I read the agenda and it looks like this bill is going to be on again at 3:30. That's totally within the Speaker's prerogative, but I'll tell you what. I feel like this is being rammed down our throats. You know, it's really interesting, when the great Ernie Chambers gets up and filibusters a bill as he had on the first 30 bills of this year and any one of us--and you can all nod your head if you agree with this--if any one of us even get up and ask a question, pretty soon we get a hand on our shoulder and it's the Speaker. And he'll say, let's move this on. I'm really frustrated right now. I'm not going to speak again on Senator Cornett's amendment other than to say that I'm going to vote for it. I have never gotten up and said that Omaha Public Schools has acted entirely in good faith. But on the other side, I don't believe the suburban districts have either. I think we have a whole lot of territory protecting and I am really frustrated. My fear is, is that we're going to see this again at 3:30. That's what the agenda says. For the life of me, I cannot imagine that we're going to actually do that at 3:30. I look at some of the other bills that didn't go forward. Maybe there's another page to this agenda and Senator Howard's kindergarten bill is going to be on there. Eh, probably not. Maybe one of Senator Beutler's bills that didn't go this year might just be on the next page. I don't see it here. How many of you haven't had a priority bill? Does anybody in here resent the fact that not only has LB 1024 gotten one bite at the apple but it's going to get three in less than 24 hours? That offends me. I'm going to vote for Senator Cornett's motion because I don't think Senator Raikes has articulated sufficiently that her concerns are addressed. The city of Bellevue is unique in that it receives federal money, and Senator Raikes has not addressed whether or not they're going to continue to receive that money.