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left, and yes, we have a number of bills ahead of us. But I cannot say, Senator Schrock, you're doing it all wrong, because he has, certainly, an interest, as Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and working with these issues all the time, to ensure that he has a say in this process. I wonder if this bill was pulled from the package, from LB 1113, does that have to pass this year, also? Can that be held off till next year? And so it's a matter of priorities, but I do have great concern that here we are, up against the clock, trying to work through a lot of other bills. I pulled a couple of amendments that I wanted to certainly put on a bill, but I felt that now was not the time, and we are all part of this process. I would certainly hope that something could be worked out, so that we would move through the rest of the agenda. But I think that if we have set up NRDs, and we have established rules and regulations for them to do their work, whatever that might be, that we should follow through with that. They had a public hearing. That was the time to look at this public access, not to come to the Legislature. I think that's kind of an end run, but that's my opinion. Certainly, you can all have your others. But with that, I do have great concern that we have a bill that, yes, we've put a lot of amendments on. We've done a lot of that this year, probably more than ever before, that I can remember. But we do have one in there that is certainly causing some problems. Maybe there should have been a joint hearing; I don't know. That's for future legislators to decide. But I support Senator Schrock on this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Mines.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, to all of you who have bills amended into this bill, I apologize. I didn't do my job. I didn't know this was coming on General File. I was caught unaware. I'm not a good multitasker. We didn't see it coming, and it's not anybody's fault but my own. Senator Bourne, Dean Edson tells us that your staff never worked with him on trying to correct the problems. He did talk to Senator Mines, and Senator Mines' attitude so far is I'll go to the wall. I've tried to sit down with Senator Mines and work on some amendments. It has not been fruitful. There are amendments