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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Maybe the only thing I've anticipated today, Senator Beutler--I can't tell whether you're smiling at all over there but...

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I'm not smiling.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...okay, is your question in that regard. And I would tell you that my position as Speaker would be that there are two major differences. This bill and its subject matter have advanced once on a majority vote, and number two, it's a Speaker major proposal and that's how it differs from my rulings with regard to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...your attempt to cloture in less than the standard time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Combs.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. There have been a number of requests to simplify this whole thing. And in all due modesty, I will do that for us. I wait for a breathless pause here. I support the Raikes amendment and each of the pieces that are a part of it, including the change in funding. I would grant it's somewhat out of spot and yet we have a lot of change of funding within LB 1024. I especially welcome the Chambers amendment, which would remove the language which has racial implications. We can debate it and he stated very well--it's just questionable language. We get it out of there, we at least won't be in the national headlines. I support LB 1024 and this is where I get real simple, because in essence the bill is simple. We must have a balanced, careful group to look at this situation, and I'm speaking as somebody from Omaha. We do not have it now, and I don't see any way to