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figure this out? That would be...I'll see if I can't get that commitment.

SENATOR FLOOD: Well, I appreciate that. And I don't represent the suburban districts so I wouldn't purport to even suggest what they would be willing to do or not do. I can understand why that would be important. But the view from 30,000 feet is, this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Flood, do you need a few more seconds to finish your thought or are you all right? Okay. Members of the Legislature, this has been interesting, and to be honest with you, this has probably been more difficult than the debate last year because I saw what was happening last year. And in spite of all of those that were in that rural area that were affected, we were all united that that was a bad idea. And here we stand with a divided group of folks from the area that's affected. And I don't have a dog in the fight, but I got to vote. And I sit here and I listen to the arguments and the concerns of Senator Bourne and those that are concerned about the passage of LB 1024. And I sit here and I listen to the ideas that are being supported by Senator Raikes as a solution, and I try to find where is that middle ground. And to be honest, I've sat and listened this morning asking those that were opposed to LB 1024 for what is the alternative. And possibly because of our rules and the ordering that isn't before us, a different idea, but possibly because there isn't any other idea. I don't know. I can understand the policy that's being put before us. I can understand the four provisions that Senator Raikes said will happen before next year, but everything else is into the future. I can understand that as a process that we're going to go through, and the fact is that if you don't like what's happening now, you're probably not going to like what's happening next year. Because if we're not able as a body to control and to discuss--Senator Landis has