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the direction and says we will continue the discussion. This body has not been one to refuse to address difficult issues, and this one is absolutely a difficult issue. It's not one we took on ourselves. It's one that was brought to us. But nonetheless, this body has a very firmly established reputation of being willing to take on these kinds of issues. There are opponents, and those opponents have made their case admirably. They've been dignified, they've been respectful, they've been competent, a little more competent than I'd really like, but that's the case. The majority of this body believes that LB 1024, as I do, is the thing to do. We need to go forward. We need to establish a direction and continue the discussion, and that's what LB 1024 is about. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further discussion? Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Connealy.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I had a great idea, and I think it's a little too late, but I'm going to give it to you anyways, and then we can decide. But I would...based on what I know, I don't know that it is viable. What's before us is an opportunity to hold everyone's feet to the fire, and that's fantastic, because frankly, up until this point and up until probably Select File or late in General File, we probably only had the attention of some. I think we have the attention of all. And an idea such as holding the boundaries in place, repealing the 1891 law, and repealing LB 126 as an amendment to LB 1024, to bring the bill back, adopt the amendment, have a resolution shortly after that to extend the session for two days, and to vote on that and go home and allow the special session or the next session to deal with this issue, was what I was thinking. Now, a lot of things have to happen. Senator Kremer tells me that's a bad thought because he wants to go home and plant corn. Great. I understand all that, and I understand this process, and I understand that that may not be a workable solution. But it is an alternative. It's one that I would support. I have supported LB 1024 to this point. It was because I had hoped that we would come to a resolution in which those that are opposed to LB 1024 would be able to stand up and say, this is the alternative to what is going forward, and that we could get