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SENATOR COMBS: ...with the intention of an insurance program being intentionally abused. I believe that the protections are still intact for the people who use the program for what it was intended for, catastrophic, unexpected, uncontrolled loss of wages. And I would like to say, I will support the Loudon amendment. But I really wanted to get a little bit more spoken on the bill. I think that covers everything that I did want to say yet. But one final thing, if I do have a few seconds. If this was a private insurance company that owned this policy, it would have been done a long time ago. And the board would have been kicked out, the CEOs of the insurance company would have been disciplined and reprimanded for 10 million bucks being wasted. But we don't have that. This is a state program that's been turned into an entitlement program, and it's time that we maybe wake the CEO up a little bit and tell him what's going on. I ask for your support of the Cunningham bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, do you have items?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. A Reference report, referring certain gubernatorial appointees to standing committee for confirmation hearing. A series of confirmation hearing reports from the Transportation Committee, those signed by Senator Baker, as Chair. Your Committee on Government reports LB 1195 to General File; LB 1234 indefinitely postponed; LB 1245 indefinitely postponed. Natural Resources Committee reports LB 829 to General File; LB 962, General File with amendments; LR 235 is reported back to the Legislature for further consideration; and the following bills indefinitely postponed: LB 26, LB 27, LB 827, LB 967, LB 1203, LB 1232. Notice of hearing from the Natural Resources Committee, Mr. President. An amendment by Senator Schrock to be printed (re LB 1173), and an amendment by Senator Cunningham to be printed (re LB 1083). And finally, an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Mines. That's all that I have, Mr. President. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 735-743.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion of the Loudon amendment, AM2291 to LB 1049. Senator Brown.