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LB 179A, 179

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Senator Robak, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, Madam President, members of the body. I guess I'm...I'm not speaking so much on Senator Preister's bill, which I think I'll vote for anyway, but recently there was a publication came out, I don't know if it was CGS or the NCSL publication, on lobbying and lobbyists and those groups that benefit the most in legislatures. And it was not the general population, it was not the populace, it was those entities. I think chamber of commerce led the pack in all those. But I urge the body to get that copy out and read that, and somehow look deep into your hearts, and we must look at...after the people of this state. We must look at the general population, who really probably aren't paying much attention to us here in the body, because they know it doesn't make any difference to them, that we do not really represent them, we represent the banks and the big organizations, and 775 and that type of group that push the buttons for us and...or we push them for them. And I think that we should all get that copy out. I'll find out what that is and find out those groups that benefit the most, and it is not, it is not the general public. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Seeing no further lights, the mo...the question is the advancement of LB 179 to E & R Engrossing. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed the same. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 179A, Madam President, no E & R. Senator Wehrbein has an amendment. I understand you're going to handle it, Senator Beutler, AM1025. (AM1025, Legislative Journal page 1260.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, this is simply the amendment reducing the fiscal note from \$8.75 to \$5.2 million, that goes along with the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I see no further lights. Did you wish to close? Okay. The question is then the