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LB 243A, LB 271, LB 272, LB 272A, LB 280, LB 355, LB 382, LB 386, LB 386A, LB 446, LB 446A, LB 519, LB 519A). A confirmation report from the Transportation Committee. And I have an amendment to LR 18CA by Senator Kristensen to be printed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2331-2332.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 32.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Quandahl would move to return LB 32 to Select File for specific amendment, specifically, AM1867. (Legislative Journal page 2267.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Quandahl, you're recognized to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I did make a motion to return this to Select File for a specific amendment, and I do believe that there's a Page going around handing out that specific amendment right now. And if I could, I'll just read it. It's a fairly short and fairly succinct amendment to the existing TERC law. It does involve the Tax Equalization and Review Commission. And what my amendment proposes to do is...let me just read it to you. "No order of the commission requiring reappraisal shall be effective until the commission first makes a finding that all other classes or subclasses of property within the state are within the acceptable range specified in Section 77-5023." The state motto of the state of Nebraska is "Equality Before the Law". I believe that when the TERC was instituted, the idea behind it was to ensure that property...among other things, that property was being assessed at correct and fair valuations across the entire state. The reason behind this particular amendment is to ensure that equalization does happen across the state at essentially the same time. It's the proverbial level playing field that we're trying to establish and we're trying to get to with this amendment. And for that reason...I'm sure that there will be other speakers speaking to this, and I would just ask that you punch green for AM1867, because when dealing with the equalization of property value assessment, we have to ensure that the process must ensure equality, because after all, that is our state motto. So I would...I would just encourage