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shall it be adopted to LB 1234? All in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Schrock amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Robak would move to amend. (AM3150, Legislative Journal page 1457.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Robak, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment is AM3150. It is actually my bill, LB 1027, that was advanced unanimously by the Transportation Committee and I thought we were...I was looking for something to amend this onto which I thought was the nature of the beast, but the beast reared its ugly head establishing his domain, so I guess I'll have to introduce it again. That will be the third time next year and...which means people have to come back and testify again. We have to spend more time in hearings, but that's the way it is. For a brief rundown, nitrous oxide is...the amendment would just simply prohibit the use of nitrous oxide power booster systems on motor vehicles on our state highways. Nitrous oxide is a clear, colorless, oxidizing liquified gas that is used in race cars to provide a power boost to the acceleration. A nitrous oxide system is installed by putting a canister of the nitrous oxide in the trunk and putting a switchboard on the dash...a switch on the dashboard. When the switch is turned on, it mixes nitrous oxide into that vehicle's gasoline and increases the engine power. The bill was worked on by the car hobbyists and specialized equipment manufacturing association and has the full support of those groups. I brought the bill last year because of an accident that took place in Columbus where a pickup truck was turning left on to a highway was hit. In investigating the accident, it was determined that the car that hit the pickup had had a nitrous oxide system that was used in time of the wreck. The switch was found in engaged position and is believed that it was...it was the cause of the wreck. Most hobbyists...I believe that most hobbyists believe