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CLERK: LB 165, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0071, Legislative Journal page 418.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, you are recognized to open on LB 165

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. Senator Cudaback, you get a letter in the mail, it looks pretty important, looks real official and it says this is not a sweepstake, this is not a contest or lottery. Dear Jim Cudaback, you are hereby notified that your cash will be sent to you directly pending the receipt of your official release form that's attached below. This guarantees that you will receive a certified bank check in the amount of \$3,129.87 made payable to Jim Cudaback which may be deposited in any bank that you choose. That's one. The next one is, this is an authentic grand prize. All you need to do is send in your release form so that you can receive your cash prize. The next letter that Jim opens up says you, in big bold letters, you have won \$15,000 in cash; you must send in the receipt so that you can get your check. All of them requires Jim Cudaback to send in a check. The one requires him to send in \$9.97, the other one requires him to send in \$12.98, this one requires him to send in \$24.50. What do you think Jim Cudaback is going to do? That's right, he is going to send in the money, although it hurts him to write that personal check. When he gets back this letter, he knows full well that he is going to receive this cash. There are several people in this state who receive those letters every day. They may not be as cagey as Jim Cudaback, but they are just as trusting. And what happens in this state, the number one complaint, I think it's number four in all fraud lists, are prize notifications where people are sent these letters every day. It doesn't say you have a chance to win. It doesn't say you may win if your number is picked out. It says you have won and you will get money; all you have got to do is send us a processing fee. I know someone who sends in roughly between 100 and 150 dollars every month because they think they