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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 108. Open for discussion. Senator Bromm, there are no lights on, did you wish to close? Senator Bromm waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 108 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 108. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 108.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 108 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 477 is a bill by Senator Erdman. (Read title.) Introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Erdman, to open on LB 477 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, LB 477 is a bill that was introduced last year as LB 1431; was placed on General File unanimously by the committee but, because of time constraints, was never acted upon. LB 477 would allow the refund and credit of unexpired motor vehicle fees, taxes and registration fees to be calculated based on when the vehicle was damaged and a salvage certificate of title is issued as a result of an insurance settlement. Currently, a registrant only receives a refund from the date when a new vehicle is titled until the expiration of the old registration. This bill would increase the amount of funds and credits for those additional months between when the accident occurred and when the salvage title was issued. This bill prorates the refund of the taxes and fees back to the date of when the vehicle went out of service. Even though this has a fiscal loss for the Department of...Department of Roads, this is a very simple bill that just addresses the fact that, if a vehicle is damaged and the individual has a salvage...salvage certificate, they can be refunded the amount of fees that they have originally paid on