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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Were you finished?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Wickersham, on the advancement of LB 477.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senator Erdman's bill. I...I think it's a reasonable proposition. I think, as Senator Erdman indicated, it does give persons who do not retile a salvaged titled vehicle the opportunity to obtain a rebate of their registration fees if they haven't used up the full year. If you...if we do not allow for this refund, what we have done is tell people, you owe a full year's registration and taxes, even though we know you're not going to get a full year's use out of the vehicle because it's been wrecked and because the insurance company has paid you for it and you've chosen to retain the vehicle. You don't get a refund if you choose to retain the vehicle, but you can't use the vehicle unless you get it reregistered and retitled because you have a salvage title. I don't see why we shouldn't give them the rebate. They don't have use of the vehicle. In other circumstances we would do that. If they traded in vehicle you get a rebate on the portion of the year's taxes and fees that you haven't used up on the old vehicle. I don't see anything unreasonable about Senator Erdman's bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 477? Seeing none, Senator Erdman, do you wish to close? Senator Erdman waives his option to close. The question before the body is, shall LB 477 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of LB 477, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 477 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.