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60 minutes for all dispositions and review hearings. In addition to an ever-increasing caseload, the behavioral and emotional difficulties exhibited by today's juvenile court population are growing quite serious, making it more difficult and time consuming to meet the needs of children, families and the community. Also due to recent changes in federal and state law, more urgency is given for the need to terminate parental rights. In many cases motions to terminate parental rights are very time consuming and require a more thoughtful and prudent approach. We on the state level do not sever parental...their parental rights in a lighthearted manner. I would appreciate it if you would advance this to Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 23. Open for discussion. Senator Brashear, on discussion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I simply don't want to belabor this, I simply want to rise in support of advancement of the bill and urge its advancement by the body. There is a critical need; you saw it last year, you were responsive; I hope we can be again. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Open for discussion on the advancement of LB 23. Senator Suttle, there are no further...do you wish to close? Senator Suttle waives her option to close. The question before the body is, shall LB 23 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 23. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk. Excuse me.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 23.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 23 does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Byars would like to withdraw LB 187. That will be laid over. I have a confirmation