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you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Landis, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on the committee amendment to LB 444? Senator Landis waives closing. The question before the body is, shall the committee amendments be adopted to LB 444? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 444. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Open for discussion on the advancement to E & R initial. Open for discussion. There are no lights on, Senator Preister. You're recognized to...did you wish to speak or did you wish to close?

SENATOR PREISTER: Mr. President, I thank you for recognizing me. And I will close. I do appreciate the body's indulgence in listening to some of the history and some of the concern that led me to create some of that history with you. I am somewhat still in shock, after all these years, to see all those green lights and to have it happening so quickly. It is a good feeling, but at the same time one that's something of a surprise. In closing, I would thank you for your vote. This will allow the constituents that many of us have in the eastern part of Omaha to at least have some assessment of those rates. As I said earlier, there were a number of years when there wasn't even justification for those rates being charged unfairly. And that went on for years, with no oversight, without real consumer protection. And unfortunately, a lot of those people who could least afford to pay those premiums were unfairly, in my estimation, charged much higher rates. And it was very apparent to some of those people when a person on one side of the street who had virtually the same driving record, the same car, the same history, had a different rate than somebody virtually across the street had. And that was pretty hard for me to understand, or for them, particularly as they paid those bills, to understand. The committee amendment essentially says that there will be a refiling every three