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wish to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of
LB 489.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 489 does advance. Next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 797 was a bill introduced by the
Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.)
Bill was introduced on January 17 of this year, referred to the
Education Committee for public hearing, advanced to General
File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1043,
Legislative Journal page 1248.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, as Chairman of Education
Committee, you're recognized to open on LB 797.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members.
LB 797 is the Education Committee's technical bill for 2001. Is
also a committee priority bill. It's 94 pages of some of the
finest reading you'll come across. If you haven't finished it
yet, why, I hope you will, but of course not right now. The
theme that holds this together is noncontroversial changes in
the educational statutes of the state. Some of them are at
least hopefully somewhat substantive, and I'll try to highlight
those for you, although I'm going to leave some of it for
your...for your perusal and, of course, will try to respond to
any questions that you have. I would call your attention to the
Committee Statement, which is a brief 11-page document, and also
the fiscal note. I think both of those you will find of
interest in following this discussion. So let me begin by...by
highlighting what I think are a few of the items that, although
you may not find exciting, maybe you should at least be aware of
that this...what's going on here. To begin with Section 2 of
the bill, there is a requirement for a public hearing to revise
a publicly or previously adopted budget statement, and a
requirement is added to include a copy of the...for the hearing
in the proposed revised budget. For school systems with
multiple districts, there's a requirement added to file a copy
of the hearing notice and proof of publication with the State
Auditor. I'll mention this one again because this one comes up