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discussion, the offering of the amendments and the discussion that happened around the amendments is beneficial to you and to those who might have been listening. These...the bill deals with areas in which people can make mistakes. And to avoid making mistakes, they need to know what the existing law is and what kind of changes that we're proposing to the law. So I hope in that context that we have brought a little bit of awareness about those issues and that those who were listening and aware of the discussion and our thoughts about the issues that were raised will not be as apt to make a mistake as they might have been before because even making a mistake does not insulate you from paying a penalty, let alone if you acted intentionally to violate state law. This, the bill I hope clarifies a number of instances in state law where persons might otherwise have made mistakes or, quite frankly, not been able to find a rule very easily that was applicable to them, so they might have done something out of ignorance. And it does clarify a couple of situations that I think needed clarifying, particularly with regard to contracting. It makes...and it adds through the amendment process I think some clarification for members of the Legislature about what we might or might not do in the course of our responsibilities as a member of the Legislature. And I hope that you will support the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 242. All in favor of LB 242 advancing to E & R Initial vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 242. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 242.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 242 does advance. Next agenda items, General File, 2001 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen offers LB 640. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 16 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1022, Legislative Journal