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CLERK: Senator Raikes, AM3560, but I have a note you'd wanted to withdraw that, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM3765. (Legislative Journal pages 1732-1734.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to LB 729.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Hartnett has given me permission to bring to your attention as a possible amendment to this bill a consent calendar bill that came out of committee without dissenting vote that deals with zoning, but in this case deals with zoning only in the city of Lincoln. It is a Capitol Environs Committee bill brought to me by the people who the Governor has appointed to the Capitol Environs Committee. That is a group, for those of you who may be new, that gets together with the city of Lincoln and with the county of Lancaster and with property owners in the vicinity of the Capitol and has put into place some building height restrictions and other zoning kinds of measures that are designed to keep this Capitol Building, which as you know is a national landmark, designed to keep the Capitol Building aesthetics in such a way that, whether the Capitol is viewed from many miles away or from close up and from various angles, it's still the landmark building in this part of town, so the Capitol is always visible. They came to me two years ago, this bill has been sitting around now for awhile, with some changes that had been agreed upon by the city of Lincoln and everybody concerned. The committee took out one provision, the only provision that was not agreed upon, and so everything that is being presented to you now is the committee amendment to the original bill. And, essentially, it does three types of things. First of all, with regard to the east side of the Capitol, it extends the boundary line from Capitol Parkway to 24th Street, which is actually only another block constituting city and school district property in the direction of the east side of the Capitol environs. And then along that same parameter it