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FLOOR DEBATE

February 11, 2003 LB 185

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 185 was a bill introduced by Senator Baker. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time referred to Transportation and Telecommunications. Bill was reported to General File. I have no amendments pending at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 185.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't want to bore you but, somehow or other, all these bills came out together and it looks like we're trying to rule debate here this morning. But this bill does have some serious consequences in that right now any accident that has over \$500 of damage involved with it has to file a report with the Department of Roads, and we are raising the threshold to report from \$500 to \$1,000. If you look at the fiscal note on it, they anticipate a \$50,000 a year savings in their agency for not having to handle all these reports. If they can reduce the number of reports by 11,000, they estimate that saves them \$50,000 of shuffling papers, and I don't dispute that at all. But the bill, what it does is raise from \$500 to \$1,000 the reporting requirement to file an accident report with the Department of Roads. It's needed. As anybody knows who had a fender bender lately, if you scratch the paint on your care it's going to be over \$500. So I ask that you consider advancing this bill to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Anybody wishing to speak to the advancement of LB 185? There are no lights on. Senator Baker, did you wish to close? He waives that opportunity to close. The question for the body is advancement of LB 185 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 185. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 185.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 185 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda