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amendment, which I will take up on Select File. So, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw this amendment at this time and ask it to be filed at Select File, and I will have probably a substitute amendment filed at that time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered, Senator Wehrbein. Back to discussion of the committee amendments, themselves. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I simply rise to support of the committee amendments and to thank the Government Committee that put my LB 647 as part of the committee amendments. It deals with public bridges, interstate bridges. We were doing some...trying to do some background information. We thought we could get information from the Auditor's Office and we discovered it was not audited. It is a political subdivision. So simply want to thank the Government Committee and Senator Schimek for placing the contents of LB 647 into the committee amendments of LB 607. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Engel, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to make a few short comments. As you know, in the past, I've served as Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee. And last year, when they presented a bill, I testified against that particular bill. This, with the new amendment and everything, I think this is going to make everything work much more efficiently, and the state will be better off for it. So I certainly support the amendments and the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the committee amendments. Senator Schimek, there are no senators wishing to speak to the committee amendments. You are recognized to close, if you care to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I thank you for your attention. I know this isn't a very exciting issue, but it is one of the fundamental issues that I think that