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state government needs to decide. And I believe that the amended bill allows for better communication between the State Auditor's Office and the program evaluation unit. It, in some cases, will allow a better cooperation and maybe make better use of staff when we are able to use both agencies in the pursuit of trying to find out if things are being done properly. Now this is not a panacea because it's not going to...it's not really going to give a whole lot of staff to anybody at this point in time. I think at some point in time that's another bullet that we have bite, if you will, and say that we do need to beef up the program evaluation unit with some additional staff. But I think this is a good starting point and I think it allows the program evaluation unit to use these services of the Auditor's Office when they do see fit. And I believe it is a good bill and a good amendment, and I would simply ask for its advancement to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing on the amendments offered by the Government, Military Affairs Committee offered by Chairperson Schimek. The question before the body is, shall those be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Government and Military Affairs Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Back to the bill, itself, LB 607, Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I decided to make LB 607 my priority bill this session because being fresh off the campaign trail I continue to hear overwhelming constituent support for increasing the efficiency of projects and programs funded by our state tax dollars. Tough