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 LR 2

SENATOR CUDABACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question shall the constitutional amendment pass? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. LR 2CA. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1074.) The vote is 44 ayes, 3 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Constitutional amendment LR 2CA passes. As the agenda states, General File, 2003 priority bills. Mr. Clerk, did you have any further announcements prior to this?

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President. Thank you

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, first agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 479, a bill by Senator Baker (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16 of this year, at that time referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on LB 479.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I hope everyone doesn't take off and leave right now. But the committee amendments actually become the bill, but I want to speak just briefly about those committee amendments. We heard LB 375, LB 376, and LB 479 in Revenue Committee the same afternoon. We can...those...LB 375 and LB 376 were Senator Kremer's bills. The committee saw fit to combine parts of both those bills with LB 479. And Senator Bourne then also suggested an amendment in the committee which is included in the committee amendment. So with that, it's...there's a number of people involved with this bill. It was also basically started as a result of a study resolution we did last summer, LR 339. And Senator Kremer's staff had a big part in that. We held...had a