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the adoption of the...of LB 481, and a vote to move it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 481. Now open for discussion on that motion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Baker. Senator Baker waives the opportunity to close on the motion. The question before the body is advancement of LB 481 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 481.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: LB 521, by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 521 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. This bill is concerned with special elections. And at present time, special elections can be held at any time of the year except within 30 days prior to the statewide primary or general elections, or within 60 days after the primary or general election. And the Election Task Force looked at this issue, and decided that, one, it would be really good if we had elections only on the first Tuesday following the second Monday of the month, so that it's the time at which people are accustomed to going to the polls and voting. And it would also be very helpful to them if there were no elections held in April or May, June, October, November, or December, while they are preparing for primary and general elections. So this bill was introduced to accommodate that. And I would urge your advancement of this bill. I would like to just read from the testimony of our