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LB 407

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, to open on AM1801 (sic) to LB 407.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Point of clarification, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Did we not substitute AM1763 for AM1801?

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So my opening is on AM1763.

CLERK: Your opening is on AM1763. Yes, sir.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry if I misstated.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Not a problem, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, it is show and tell. And I will tell you in all honesty that what I have to show you is not anything new. In fact, I'm kind of glad that we had a record vote on the bill that establishes the funding for our salaries, because I think the body and I think the public should know the work that has been done in this Legislature. The body has done tremendous amounts of work in a number of areas. But what I am about to propose to the body is the result of work of a number of different groups and a number of different philosophies. You're receiving a handout which is a General Fund appropriations by agency. It not only gives you the breakdown of total dollars; it also tell you where those total dollars came from as the budget proposal. Nothing in my amendment came as a result of meetings outside of myself and my staff. I sat down and I reviewed the Governor's budget. I sat down and I reviewed the Appropriations Committee's preliminary plan. I sat down and I reviewed the Appropriations Committee's final plan. And I've got to tell you, I agree with a lot of what's in the Appropriations Committee's final plan. I agree with some of what's in the preliminary plan of the Appropriations Committee.