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LB 407, 540

amendment. First item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 540 is on Final Reading. Senator Raikes would move to return the bill for specific amendment, AM1926. (Legislative Journal page 1821.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 540 is the Education Committee's bill dealing with funding of schools, K-12 schools. This amendment, the one I would ask you to return to add to the bill, would change the levy lid from \$1.04 to \$1.05. This is obviously an important and difficult decision. I think we had a great deal of discussion about it yesterday. It does make...this would make LB 540's K-12 funding consistent with what we've appropriated in LB 407 as it was advanced. I would be certainly happy to accommodate...or, try to answer, I should say, any questions you might have, or to participate in any discussions you would like to conduct. But for the moment, this is necessary. We need to make LB 540 consistent with LB 407, the mainline budget bill, and this is the first step we need to take to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the motion to return LB 540 to Select File for a specific amendment. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Jones. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I don't know if it...is it appropriate now to ask questions about the specific bill? Or should only it be discussed as far as returning it to Select File? And I would direct that to you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: You want...?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You want to ask Senator Raikes that question?