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LB 208, 540, 574, 574A

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

CLERK: Thank you. Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 540, LB 574, and LB 574A as correctly engrossed. (Legislative Journal pages 1877-1878.)

Mr. President, I have another amendment to the Kruse amendment. But I have a priority motion. Senator Bourne would move to bracket the bill until January 24 of 2004...January 21 of 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I did file a bracket motion to bracket this to one of the first days of the next legislative session, in the hopes that we could go back to the drawing board and recodify, and perhaps even more importantly, clarify our existing statutes. I urge each of the members to read through this amendment that's in front of them, AM1774, which becomes the bill. I urge you to read it because, if you're like me this morning, you will not be able to understand it. And what I'm suggesting is, is that we should not be putting forth legislation that is this difficult to understand. I was discussing with a couple other members, and one of them had suggested, well, maybe we should indefinitely postpone it. And I was reluctant to do that, because I recognize this is a priority bill. But...and I thought if we bracketed it until the first...one of the very first days of our next legislative session, the bill would jump up to the top and maybe we could get a commitment from Senator Bromm that that would occur, and then the bill could go forward there in a proper form. When this individual suggested that we IPP it, the suggestion was, is that it was improperly referenced to the Transportation Committee. And I don't know if that's accurate or not. But we are dealing with criminal statutes here. We're talking about Class III and Class IV felonies, which are extensive jail times. We're talking years, and thousands of dollars in fines. It seemed to make sense to me that Judiciary