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wish to close? He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 832 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.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 832 does advance. Next bill before the body is LB 914. Mr. Clerk, when you get time.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 914 was introduced by Senator Cudaback and others. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 8 of this year, referred to the General Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM2363, Legislative Journal page 501.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: For the record, it's primarily by Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne, you may open.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This bill was brought to me by the State Electrical Board and it's in the interest of public safety. I'm going to, first of all, tell you what the bill does and then, probably more importantly, I'm going to tell you what the bill does not do. The bill simply recognizes that the wiring of residential homes is unique and different from the wiring of commercial facilities. Since it is unique, a separate classification of a residential electrician is established. The requirement for a separate residential classification follows the recommendations from the U.S. Department of Labor, who adopted in...that were adopted in 1998. In 1998, they created a...they adopted standards that created a new three-year residential apprenticeship program and those standards are reflected in all 50 states and we're changing our electrical code to follow the federal law. That's all it does; very simple, creates a separate classification. Now I'm going to tell you what the bill doesn't do because there is a trade organization that is in Indiana who has been stirring up a lot of, I think, misinformation about what the bill does, and I've worked with that representative time and time again. My staff