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listening.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There are no further lights, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In that case, Mr. Clerk, I'd ask to withdraw the amendment and refile it on Select.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Connealy, do you have a close on LB 973?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 973 contains a request from the Tax Equalization and Review Commission. It's the TERC bill for this year, and it cleans up some language. It changes some dates. I ask for your approval of the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Connealy. We'll now proceed to vote on LB 973 for advancement to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 973.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill, LB 944, a bill introduced by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, at that time referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. At this time, I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this does deal with the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, and since that was signed in 1998, I think we've