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

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may, Senator...or Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Education, chaired by Senator Raikes, reports LB 698 to General File with amendments. Enrollment and Review reports LB 826A, LB 841A, as correctly engrossed. (Legislative Journal page 1426.)

Mr. President, Senator Brashear would move to amend with AM3477. (Legislative Journal page 1412.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 1090.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Corrected.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM3477 is the scaled-down, smaller version of what I called the bond plan--others had other names for it--what I called the bond plan yesterday. This plan would simply do the \$155 million necessary to pay the low-level nuclear waste judgment at that point in time when it is anticipated, I think by reasonable people, that the judgment will become due and payable and final and nonappealable. This doesn't provide the use of any bonding for operational money or otherwise. So now we're dealing only with that amount which would allow us only to address the low-level nuclear waste judgment when it is final, when it is nonappealable, and when it is undeniably, in my opinion, drawing 10 percent interest at the rate of, round number, \$44,000 per day. You were very patient yesterday. We had a full discussion. There was a lot of discussion about this. There isn't a lot else to add, in my opinion. I'll tell you that the money goes into a judgment fund. It is available