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urge you to attend. Perhaps have staff members come with you so that you can understand the details as it affects you. Another message that I would have is that today, at 1:00, the Forecasting Board meets again. Our budget has been predicated on the forecast that was proposed when the Forecasting Board met in February. We do not know what plus, minus, or neutral the Forecasting Board will do, as far as potential revenue for the state, but our budget is predicated on what we already knew, and that's all that we could do at that point. This is not the time to be trying to make a budget discussion. This is a time for you to take this material and to study it and to come back when we get back here on Tuesday, hopefully, for you to be at the briefing and talk about this matter. But I would urge you to read it very carefully. So with that, I thank you very much for the time to tell you about this, about this budget. Look forward to any questions you may have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson, very much for that. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to Senator Pederson's comments, your Committee on Appropriations, chaired by Senator Pederson, reports LB 421 to General File with amendments; LB 422, LB 423, LB 424, LB 425, LB 426, LB 427, LB 614, and LB 746, to General File, most of which have committee amendments attached, Mr. President. (Legislature Journal pages 1330-1336.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion of the Brashear amendment, AM1334, to the committee amendments to LB 645. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, I want to start through the amendment a little bit, to be sure I understand it, and if I could ask for a couple of clarifications, it might be helpful to sorting through things in a more expeditious fashion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BEUTLER: As I see the changes being made by this amendment, it's really divided into two parts. There are those sections that are permanent in nature, and there are those