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LB 535, 633, 713

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have amendments to the committee amendments. The first is offered by Senator Howard, AM1573.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, to open.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would respectfully request permission to withdraw that amendment as we are doing additional research on the matter.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, sir.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would offer AM1344. (Legislative Journal page 1569.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, to open.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This is the amendment that I mentioned in my opening that basically deletes LB 535 and LB 633. Those are the provisions relating to domestic assault and, basically, and I'll accept the responsibility, I tried to obtain a consensus. I tried to scale back the green copy of the bill to a point where I thought the Judiciary Committee would accept it, and I thought that the body would accept it. And, unfortunately, there's some disagreement on behalf of the various advocacy groups that it doesn't do enough and, as a matter of fact, they feel that it makes a step backwards. As many of you know in here, I have been very active in domestic violence legislation in the last few years, so this is an interest, an area of interest, to me. And I'm disappointed we were unable to obtain consensus. I feel bad for Senator Synowiecki and Senator Pahls and the work they've done on this measure, but I do believe that this is the right course of action, to simply take this language back, take a step back. We'll work on this over the summer and hopefully we can present to you in January a bill that has consensus amongst the various advocacy groups. With that, members, I'd ask for your support of AM1344. Thank you.