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LB 594, 683

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 1908-1909.) Vote is 46 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 594 passes. That completes the Final Reading. We now go on to the next agenda item, motion to override the gubernatorial vetoes. Mr. Clerk, LB 683.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move that LB 683 becomes law notwithstanding the objection of the Governor. That motion is found in the Journal on page 1818.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't intend to take a lot of time with my remarks. I just intend to say that I believe the Legislature was pretty strong in its decision initially to pass this on Final Reading with 38 votes. I would hope that you would feel that we need to sustain it. Keep in mind this is not about one person or one office. It is about whoever takes office in 2007. In the Governor's veto message, he mentioned that we had just done an increase two years ago. That's true, but we can't increase salaries more than once every four years, so even though it was two years ago that we did the last one, it will be two years until this one can actually take effect. So, in essence, it's every four years. I would also remind you that in every category that we examined in the Midwest, we were, in four of those categories, absolutely the last one in the amount of pay for our Governors and for all of our other constitutional offices except two, and in those cases we were second from the bottom and third from the bottom. We've been way behind for a long time. We need to catch up and maybe, if we do, we won't have to really address this issue more than in a very small way from now on. I would like to see us vote to overturn the Governor's veto and I ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the motion to override. Senator Brown, followed by