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February 15, 2006 LB 23, 34, 153, 188, 190, 397, 638, 1262

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 681-682.)
35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk,
items for the record, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, Natural Resources Committee reports
LB 23, LB 34, LB 153, LB 190, LB 397, LB 638 as indefinitely
postponed, signed by Senator Schrock. Priority bill
designation: Senator Pahls, LB 1262. That's all that I have,
Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 682.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors and doctor
of the day introduced.) We now go to the next agenda item,
General File, 2006 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk,
LB 188.

CLERK: LB 188, a bill by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The
bill was introduced on January 7 of last year, at that time
referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Committee. The bill was advanced to General File,
Mr. President. I do have committee amendments pending.
(AM0128, Legislative Journal page 1809, First Session, 2005.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler, to
open on LB 188.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature,
this will be, I think, a thorough and fair debate, for the first
time in many years, on the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. And
it will give you an opportunity to know where the act has been,
what it's done, the good parts, the bad parts. And we're going
to be asking you today to make a judgment about the act as a
whole and to basically fix it up, make it right, as right as we
can make it, or get rid of it entirely. I obviously am on the
side of fixing it up. What has happened...what happened last
year, let me bring you a little bit up to date, because I think
there have been some misunderstandings about process. Last
year, Senator Brashear and myself, I being a principal proponent
of this law and Senator Brashear being a principal opponent, got