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CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Education, chaired by Senator Raikes, reports LB 1006 and LB 1256 to General File with amendments. And a series of study resolutions: LR 371, Senator Janssen; LR 372, Senator McDonald; LR 373, Senator Aguilar; and Senator Aguilar, LR 374. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1233-1237.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to General File, 2006, committee first priority bills, Mr. Clerk, LB 1222.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1222 introduced by the Transportation Committee and signed by its members relates to telecommunications. The bill was discussed briefly on the floor last Friday. Senator Baker, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, had opened on the committee amendments, Mr. President. And we left, when the Legislature adjourned for the day, pending was an amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Baker's AM2745. (Legislative Journal page 1067.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you like to take a minute or so and brief us on the bill and amendments to it?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. The bill is dealing with telecommunications issues, specifically wireless issues. And as wireless progresses, the technology, this is simply the next step from what Senator Engel had as a priority bill, I believe, a few years ago. And I'd be glad to...I'll go ahead and put my light on then and we'll talk about the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. You may do that now, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, once again. We have two pending amendments here and then you'll see that Senator Fischer has filed an amendment that we've been working on today. So the first step in this process would be to adopt AM2745 which, as you said, was discussed last week when we began debate on the bill. AM2745 has some language in there clarifying when a surcharge can be placed upon a wireless carrier and that has to be a positive balance. We're talking