

have worked out a manner with the Legislative Research. I think it's a positive way to go. I do, again, thank Senator Schimek and in a way the Auditor for keeping the pressure on because I think if the pressure would not have been on for the last couple of years, I doubt...I don't know if the Legislature would be in a position of saying we really have to improve the way we're doing the performance audits. I think we now realize we do have a responsibility, we do need to improve it. This bill, 988, goes a long way in bringing back some credibility to the performance audit process of the Legislature. We need to take it very seriously and, in my judgment, though I'm against the Schimek amendment at this point, if we enact 988 and in the next couple years we are not still doing a good job of performance auditing, I may come back with Senator Schimek and co-sign the amendment with her at some point. But, at this point, I feel we need to vote the Schimek amendment down and advance LB 988 in its form. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robinson, you're next. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, yours is the last light on. Senator Schimek, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I feel a little like I did the first year when I introduced my health education bill as my priority bill and it got killed on General File. I have to do...I have to answer Senator Hall's question about accomplishments. Senator Hall, the way that I understand this, accomplishments are measured in terms of how successful was the program. And a for instance, if...as if the program to winterize homes, which was established with the oil overcharge money, you would look at that program and find out how many homes had actually been winterized and in that way you would be finding out what the accomplishments of the program were in keeping with the intent of the particular program or bill. But, with that, I concede and I withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. There is nothing further on the bill. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 988? Seeing no other lights, Senator Warner, would you like to close on the advancement?