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was...there were some concerns expressed on the bill, on General File, that this may be used in not altogether easily understood measures, so...or it may be used on...to ram a highly controversial measure through. So that's the purpose of this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the Withem amendment? Seeing none, Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The only thing I'd say, I just noticed Senator Cudaback reached for his light. I would grant him a minute or two of my closing, if he'd care to speak.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Anything we can do to make this bill better, I'm all for it. I'm glad Senator Withem suggested this. We had a meeting and several of us met and we come to the conclusion that perhaps it's better to have a supermajority, as many say, and it just adds one more safety factor to the bill. Instead of a general majority, you add one more vote, so it makes it...even a good bill better. And I thank Senator Withem for thinking about this and I urge your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Withem, did you... You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 964. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Anything further?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Discussion on LB 964, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly. Senator Cudaback is helped a great deal by this portion. On Select File though, Senator Cudaback, I do want you to know that one of the things I will probably do is to file an amendment that would take it back to where it was originally rather than going...making it open to