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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 35 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 143, Mr. President, introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, at that time was referred to the Revenue Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have an amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (Committee amendment AM0031 is found on page 321 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes the Chair of the Revenue Committee, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment, while it isn't technically a committee amendment that is adopted in Executive Session before advancement of LB 143, is a committee amendment to the extent that we've obtained signatures of all the members of the Revenue Committee that were available this morning and it is something that we had discussed in committee and agreed that it should be done once we checked with some folks. What the amendment does is eliminate a task force, and some of the members of the Revenue Committee, believe it or not for members of the Government Committee where I appeared yesterday and wanted to create another task force and they didn't want to do that, this one actual...well, now, Senator Cudaback, that's accurate, isn't it? Anyway, we...in this instance, we are eliminating a task force. So if there's any impression that members of the Revenue Committee don't wish to reduce things whenever we can, I hope that's dispelled. At any rate, in this instance, we want to eliminate a task force that was created in 1989 as a part of an effort to reform motor vehicle tax collection efforts. There was a perception that there was abuse or fraud in the system, but the work of the task force has actually, in our belief, run its course and we can repeal the authorization and, in fact, the directive for the task force, and that's the amendment, Mr. President. Oh, I needed to open on it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, I needed to open on the bill before I