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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Seeing no further lights, Senator Stuhr, would you like to close on LB 272A? Senator waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 270A (sic--272A) advance to E & R Initial? All in favor aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 272A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 270A (sic (LB) 272A) does advance. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 813, Mr. President, by Senator Bohlke. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on your bill.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, this is the technical bill from the Department of Education and the main provisions of the bill are the renaming and modifications of the mission of the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped; renaming the special education allowance as the special receipts allowance; distinguishing developmental delays from other disabilities; removing provisions for Class II school districts to hold annual and special meetings; modifying the college admissions test criteria for the quality education incentives; replacing current alternative teaching certificates with authority for the department to establish specific certificates without all of the statutory restrictions; and modifications of various reporting requirements. There are also other minor modifications of current statutory requirements and the outright repeal of statutes that are no longer required with the modifications made in this bill. I would like to draw your attention to one area that you all may have had some calls on that is contained in this bill and that was with the Quality Incentive Act last session and the schools that qualified on the tests and those that did not. And we had calls mainly from the schools who did not, but one issue that they did raise that we