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SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 822.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 822. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The ayes have it.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Schimek and Raikes, AM1171. (Legislative Journal page 1386.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, I think it's appropriate that we're taking this bill up today, because this is the traditional Arbor Day, one that I always remember because it was my grandfather's birthday. So I think it's appropriate that we're talking about these kind of matters on the floor. I am pleased to cosponsor this amendment with Senator Raikes, and I will give him part of my time in opening. The amendment concerns temporary zoning for counties. Temporary zoning is often called interim zoning, I'm sure you're all familiar with. This year Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee had two bills dealing with interim zoning, LB 712 and LB 844. Both had lively hearings. After consideration, the Government Committee substantially amended LB 712, based on lengthy discussion with the interested parties. LB 712 has been named a Speaker priority bill, but it is uncertain that we will actually be able to address the bill this year as a Speaker priority. After LB 712 was advanced by the committee, others and I continued to have opposition to the bill. I should tell you that I was the only "no" vote on it coming out of committee. And it was simply for one reason, and one reason only. And that was that it provided that a county must act by June 30th of 1999 in order to take advantage of the legislation. I must point out to you that the amendment before you has a change of dates, and in this regard is a change from the committee version of LB 712. I've discussed the issue of the dates with the committee members and other interested senators. Let me tell you about the amendment. It provides that a county which has a planning commission and is preparing