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SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted to LB 664. Senator...Senator Wickersham? Waives closing. No discussion on LB 664? The question before the body is, shall LB 664 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 664.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 664 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 805, by Urban Affairs Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM1226, Legislative Journal page 1629.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on LB...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, we haven't had a comprehensive study of natural gas since 1987, when Senator Landis, with his great skills as a negotiator, got all the parties together and brought some order at that time. But since that time, there's been a lot of changes in natural gas. Federal regulations have changed, should be choices, and so forth. And so what this bill does is simply provides some money that...there's an appropriation bill after this...provides the money over two years to look at natural gas regulations within the state. It simply does that, is simply look at it again after a little over ten years. It's never been done, a study like this, and so we'd like to hire some outside people to help us. We tried it within committee; we've not been successful. And there is a committee amendment, I think, that I support very strongly. So I think that was...simply gives the purpose, to have a study of natural gas regulations within the state. And there is a committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. On the committee amendments, Senator Hartnett (sic). Senator Wehrbein, excuse me.