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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yeah.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1213, a bill introduced by the Education Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12 of this year, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bohlke, to open on LB 1213.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. For a couple of years we have had the issue before us with Class I school districts trying to resolve their concerns with the Class I budget limitations. This is a bill that was brought to you by the Education Committee. You are being passed out a bullet sheet that gives the very specific points as to how this is implemented. I would tell you that this is not the solution that the Class I schools would have been supporting, however, what it does do is put them on the same level playing field as all other school districts. What it says is if they wish to increase their budget limitation that they would have to seek approval from all the voters in the system. That's how it happens with your schools now who are not part of a Class I. Why Class I's would object to that would be the Class I's that are affiliated with a number of high schools would have to go for approval to all of those patrons in those high school districts. And so, because we have not been able to resolve this issue, we do bring this forward that at least does recognize and accomplish putting the Class I's and giving them the same authority as all other school systems in the state. As I've said, you have the bullets, I don't need to read that...all of those for you, but that in essence is the outcome of LB 1213. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bohlke, as Chairperson of Education Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM2305, Legislative Journal page 720.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendments are in the one...on the handouts. On one side you