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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We're open for discussion on the advancement of LB 968A. Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to close? Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 968A be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption or the motion to advance LB 968A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 968A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Speaker Kristensen, did you have...Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1217, on Select File, discussed yesterday. A series of amendments have been offered and adopted. When the Legislature left the bill, Senator Chambers had pending AM2982 to the bill. Senator Kristensen had moved to amend that with FA337. The Kristensen amendment is now pending. (FA337, Legislative Journal page 1191.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, would you take a minute to fill us in, where we are with your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I know that there is a little bit of anticipation this morning as to where we're going to go with this issue and where the budget is going to be. There have been, I think, an extensive discussion about what direction to head. My amendment, just to give you an update, and I'm going to put my light on, the amendment that I have amends the Chambers amendment. The Chambers amendment would take \$3.6 million, which roughly is 1 percent of the university's operational budget. Intent language was placed in a few years ago that there were benchmarks that were to be met. The benchmarks, as the progress went along, were not met; they were one short. The Chambers amendment would reallocate \$3.6 million towards recruitment and retention of minority and women. That could