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amendments. The question...Senator Kristensen. The motion before the house is...or the question before the house is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1067. All those in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1067. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1067. Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments to LB 1067 are adopted. We're now back on discussing the advancement of LB 1067 to E & R Initial. Those wishing to speak are Senator Kristensen on advancement of LB 1067. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just rise to make sure if there's any questions to buy you a little time. These things happen as we go through. Would be happy to explain more. Again, it's a matter of the variable tax, trying to keep politics out. This removes the State Tax Board, which are the constitutional officers. This still keeps the integrity of the ministerial duty of setting the variable fuel rate based on the amount of money that we decide to appropriate in this Legislature for our highway projects. I believe that it will add more stability and continue. There are always those that say, well, historically, isn't this a change in the motor vehicle fuels? It is, but I can tell you that members of the Legislature have been to the State Tax Board and the State Board of Equalization since 1994 telling them that they are not following the intent of the law, that their political rhetoric and their votes are not consistent with what the intent of the fuel tax is, and so the response should be if you're not going to follow that, then we will find the process that will carry out the intent that the Legislature has. That's what LB 1067 is and I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. There are no further lights on. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to close? Senator Kristensen waives closing on advancement of LB 1067.