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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1213 is on Final Reading. The first amendment, Senator Raikes. Senator, I had a motion from you with respect to AM3138, but I understand you want to withdraw that, Senator, and offer as a substitute AM3369.

SENATOR RAIKES: That's right, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection on the substitution, so ordered.

CLERK: AM3369, Senator, on the motion to return the bill. (AM3369, Legislative Journal page 1686.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your motion to return LB 1213 for specific amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Let me start out by trying to be very clear about what we're about here. There's a four-step, or possibly a four-step process that I'm going to ask you to consider. The first would be to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment. The second would be to suspend the rules. The third would be to vote to amend by striking the current contents of the bill and amending another bill into it. And the fourth would be to re-advance. Let me back up. The decision, although LB 1213 is on Final Reading, the decision has been made not to go with LB 1213 as it is, so that's the reason for bringing it back from Final Reading. The amendment that I would offer is what was LB 1324 heard in the Education Committee and passed out of that committee by a vote of 8 to 0. What this bill does is deals with overrides. Currently, the law allows that a school...overrides by school systems, excuse me. Currently, the law allows that a school system may elect...its voters may elect to override the levy limit. They also may override the budget limit. It is not clear in current law that they could do both on the same ballot. This bill would allow such an override vote to occur either on a primary or general election ballot, in addition to the special election ballot now allowed, and it would make it clear that a system may elect to override the levy and override the budget limit in the same vote, or on the same ballot. Now it's important to note that all of the requirements that would have to be satisfied by having separate elections