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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Seeing no further lights, Senator Schrock, you'd be recognized to close on the advancement of LB 31. Senator Schrock waives closing. Members, the question is the advancement of LB 31 to E & R Initial. All in favor, please vote aye, and opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 31.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 31 advances. Now move to LB 305. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK. Mr. President, LB 305 is a bill introduced by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on LB 305.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill is primarily a cleanup bill for Game and Parks Commission. I know you've heard that word "cleanup bill" a lot. It increases the allowable amount of cash...I'm sorry, of change cash fund to be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. It allows the commission to adopt any method it deems appropriate for tagging and identification of fish and game birds taken under a nonresident permit. The commission would be able to sign a number as a permit, rather than issue a paper permit. Changes the requirement to four hours of practical instruction in a hunter safety course, instead of six. And for a lot of the adults that was a problem because it meant maybe meeting two or three times instead of just one to get their hunter safety course passed. The bill also allows a habitat stamp that is purchased for a permit which is valid in the next calendar year to also be valid. And I believe the only one that pertained to at this time would be the deer hunting season, because if the