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Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kruse, you're recognized to open on LB 208.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Brashear said yesterday on his bill that there were no new items in it and that that was unique. Well, mine that I'm presenting here is more unique, even though that's bad grammar. There are no changes in statutes on LB 208. So we've finally arrived. We have a bill that makes no changes. The Fiscal Office called my office as they were trying to work up a fiscal note on this, and said, what's going on here? We can't figure out that there's any changes made in LB 208. So that validates what I've just said. The point of LB 208 is to recodify the sections of DUI that have been spread throughout the statutes. Many pages are removed because they were duplicate, necessary to it being scattered around. I would note that the one-liner on this on our agenda is misleading. There is no implied consent changes in LB 208 or in any of the amendments that will follow. This is simply to recodify, to move around the statutes, and make them more usable. Then there will be a committee amendment, which is LB 775, a number we recognize and think highly of. At least we talked about it a lot last week. I had LB 775 last session too. And I'm assuming, Mr. President, that I will be receiving LB 775 from now on as a tradition. It's tempting to talk...to keep that number so that I can talk about incentives. There's a lot of incentives in LB 775. It is the repeat offender bill, which many persons have contributed to, which was the subject of an interim study this fall, and which began in conversations in Transportation a year ago. It is targeted at those who continuously come back at us with the bad behavior of not learning from the first offense. Some have said in this that the amendment becomes the bill. That is not accurate. LB 208 remains complete after the amendment. And we have put the two together, the committee has put the two together because LB 208 makes so many changes in location that LB 775 needs to relate to the new bill rather than to the old statutes. There's really nothing more to say about that, Senator Cudaback. And so with that, I rest my case.