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ASSISTANT CLERK:    30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM:     The amendments are adopted. Any further discussion on the advancement of LB 444? Seeing none, Senator Erdman, you're recognized to close on the advancement.

SENATOR ERDMAN:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just briefly, again, the Buckley decision is one that holds that the requirement that an individual be a registered voter is a violation of their First Amendment rights to free speech, and because of that the committee amendment was adopted. I appreciate your support there. Would appreciate your support on LB 444 to clarify our process for recall petitions to allow our local officials the ability to enforce the laws as written and according to the courts. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM:     Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 444 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    32 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM:     LB 444 does advance. My understanding is, Senator Hartnett, as the sponsor of LB 499, you wish to pass over the bill. Is that correct? We will pass over LB 499, so we're complete with the consent calendar portion of General File. Rather than wait till 1:30, we will go ahead and start on LB 454. Senator Aguilar, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR AGUILAR:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members.

SPEAKER BROMM:     Excuse me, Senator Aguilar. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    Thank you, Mr. President. LB 454 was introduced by Senator Aguilar and others. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 16 of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File. There are no committee amendments.