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LB 65, 572

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Discussion of the advancement itself of LB 572. Seeing no lights on, Senator Jensen. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 572 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 572.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, LB 65, when you get time.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 65 is a bill by Senator Preister. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to Natural Resources. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM0271, Legislative Journal page 466.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Preister, to open on advancement of LB 65.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 65 has been through several lives this session, but all positive. As I have worked with the utilities, the Power Review Board, the environmental interests to find a solution to the issue, our common goal has been to amend current Power Review Board statutes to add additional criteria which the Power Review Board could consider when granting applications for new renewable energy or emerging technology generation facilities. The reason for this change is because the current statute states that the board may grant an application if it finds that it will serve the public convenience and necessity, and the applicant