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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. You've heard the opening on LB 236. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 236.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, ...I'm trying to find my place here. The committee amendment actually restores language which excludes routine student directory information from the records which may be withheld from the public, and it specifies that routine student directory information will be made public consistent with the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act as it existed on January 1, 2003. And I'd like to read from you what that act says as it pertains to this particular amendment. It says that for the purpose of this section, the term "directory information" relating to a student includes the following: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. It also says that any educational agency or institution making public directory information shall give public notice of the categories of information which it has designated as such information with respect to each student attending the institution or agency, and shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for a parent to inform the institution or agency that any or all of the information designated should not be released without the parent's prior consent. And so what we have here is a notification provision, if I might. And that is the committee...I hope explains what the committee amendment means. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 236. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Schimek, there are no lights on wishing to speak. Did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, all this amendment really does is bring