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committee amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendments are adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself, advancement, E & R Initial. Senator Hartnett, there are no lights. He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1033 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The motion before the body is to advance LB 1033 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to, advancement of LB 1033? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. LB 1033 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next legislative bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1179 was offered by Senator Smith. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time January 21, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Smith, to open on advancement of LB 1179.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 1179 would update the current law regarding the circumvention of public meetings laws. E-mails, faxes, and other electronic communications would be added to the current list of modes of communication that shall not be used to circumvent public meetings laws. This is basically a clarification of current practice, but certainly is...offers some clarity, so that it is not confusing in terms of what constitutes a public meeting. And I urge its advancement, LB 1179. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 1179. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Smith, there are no...and he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1179 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye,