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no lights on.      Senator Raikes, did you wish...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendment, AM2598, offered by the Education Committee to LB 868. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion was successful. The amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We will go back to discussion of the bill, itself, advancement to E & R Initial. Anyone wishing to discuss advancement of LB 868? Senator Redfield, there are no lights...I'm sorry, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do have a question for Senator Redfield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield, would you respond?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Redfield, I want to clarify before this is advanced that on the later age, the end of the spectrum relating to 17- and 18-year-olds, can you restate what this actually does?

SENATOR REDFIELD: This would say that if at age 16 or 17 you want to drop out of school, you will have to have a waiver signed by your parents. You could still do it, but you have to have that waiver. Otherwise, you stay in school till you're 18, or you complete a high school diploma or a GED equivalent.

SENATOR SMITH: So right now, without this, you're saying that a 17-year-old says...has the right to say I'm not going to school