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March 11, 2004 LB 819

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 819 was offered by Senator Schimek. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 819.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President and members, this bill, LB 819, is technical in nature and is only meant to clarify the existing process of reviewing construction documents. DAS's process of reviewing and approving construction documents will not change after passage of this bill, nor will agency eligibility requirements for review and approval change. There are three primary purposes to the changes proposed by LB 819. The first, and most important, purpose is to change the outdated term "preliminary plans" to the more accurate term "construction documents." This language has not been updated in 23 years and the term "preliminary plans" lacks definition in construction practice. Second, for the sake of clarity and consistency, LB 819 requires any state agency prior to bidding for a capital construction project costing more than the limit established in statute will submit proposed construction documents to the State Building Division for review. Third, the proposed change makes the statute consistent with a necessary update to the State Building Division's procedural manual for capital construction which is in the process of revision to modern practices. To summarize LB 819, it's a technical cleanup bill that replaces 23-year-old language with correct modern terminology and it will not affect current construction document review eligibility or processes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 819 offered by Senator Schimek. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Schimek, there are no lights on. She waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 819 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 819. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance,