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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Wehrbein, to close on FA1584 to the committee amendments offered by the Business and Labor Committee. Sorry about that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, very briefly I will close. I understand the committee's sensitivity to this issue, but the precedent bothers me no end. It could turn into a real stormy future for us, I'm afraid, and so I strongly suggest that we vote for this floor amendment, which strikes this particular item completely in terms of payment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing on FA1584. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 1241. There are no lights on. Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. What we've really done in this is taken out those particular claims that we've already taken care of, the three claims that were some question about the length of time that those have been laying out there. We changed the amount of money that is being allocated for the claims on the bus accident and on another accident, and basically that's what this claims bill does, and I would ask that the body advance the bill. Thank you.