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that point, Mr. President, I would agree that we could give it a decent burial, but that's all. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee will meet underneath the north...or I should say the south balcony now; south balcony, Banking, Commerce and Insurance. Enrollment and Review reports they've examined LB 1093 and recommend it be placed on Select File, and LB 1241. And I have a letter from the Governor, a gubernatorial appointment, Mr. President, will be referred to Reference. (Legislative Journal pages 1239-1240.)

Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Erdman would move to bracket the bill, LB 479, until March 30, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, to open on your bracket motion of LB 479.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I offer the motion out of great hesitation and I probably won't take it up, but I did offer it as an opportunity to speak before we got further along in this process. Senator Schrock has obviously asked for an Opinion, and that Opinion binds us no more than direction, and obviously the courts would have the final say on whether or not what we're doing here should be allowed or not. The question obviously comes back to whether or not we can do this, should we be doing this. There is obviously going to be discussion about who benefits under proceeding with LB 479 in its current form. I would offer that those who have plants being built within their area probably benefit greatly by LB 479 advancing in its current form, and those who do not have plants in their area are disadvantaged quite substantially with the current form of LB 479. So I obviously rise with my own interests in the state...part of the state that I represent at hand. I look at some of the language that's in the amendments that we have adopted and I remember the discussion that we had on a Friday afternoon when 16 or 17 members of the Legislature had checked out, and that was about