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March 31, 2004 LB 1090

File, budget and budget-related bills. Mr. Clerk, first bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 1090, I do have Enrollment and Review amendments first of all. (AM7202, Legislative Journal page 1169.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, for a motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1090.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion by Senator Erdman to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 1090. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion say nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to the bill. I have a priority motion. Senator Brashear would move to bracket LB 1090 until April 13, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 1090.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Good morning. I have filed the...this bracket motion in order to allow me some portion of ten minutes to discuss with you something that I respectfully suggest we ought to deal with and talk about in appropriate detail before we decide what we're going to do with LB 1090 and any of the amendments that have been filed thereon. I'd like to talk to you in some detail about the low-level nuclear waste compact judgment. I think it's important that we have an understanding of the status of that litigation and what reasonable people can reasonably anticipate to happen. We are literally at the end of our rope with respect to this litigation. We have delayed and waited and acted and engaged in inaction to about the last possible point in time. Not a good position to be in when you're on the down side. As we have discussed, the judgment has been entered and is currently drawing interest at, admittedly, a relatively low rate of interest, because that interest rate by statute is tied to the rate for treasury bills. But even at the low rate of