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 LR 399

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Further discussion? The motion before the body by Senator Mossey is to advance LB 613 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion say nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 399, by the Government Committee calling for an interim study. And I have a gubernatorial communication withdrawing an appointment. Mr. President, that will be referred to Reference. (Legislative Journal pages 1526-1527.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move to General File, 2004 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 1017, a bill by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 12. At that time it was referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2687, Legislative Journal page 770.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on LB 1017.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, this has to do with contractor labor and its general goal is to make the administration of contractor labor sales tax easier for the contractors and for the general public. There's an original bill, there's a committee amendment, and there's an amendment to the committee amendment, because this has been a long and arduous process. However, let me tell you there's a relatively sanguine ending and that is that we have agreement from parties on the underlying committee amendment. Now, there are areas where there are some controversies and I expect to see those up on the floor today, but not on the amendment to the committee amendment. The underlying problem is that it's hard to tell how one is supposed to administer themselves in the current system that we have for contractor labor. I'm passing out to you a sheet that the Revenue Department gives subcontractors on how they can prepare and conduct themselves in handling the sales tax on a project.