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Enrollment and Review amendments. (AM7228, Legislative Journal page 1533.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Senator Erdman, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN:      Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1065.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      The question before the body is the adoption of the E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. Amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Baker has AM3617. Senator, I have a note that you wish to withdraw AM3617 and offer as substitute AM3615. (Legislative Journal page 1567.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Is there any objection? Seeing none, so authorized. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER:      Thank you, Mr. President and members. I put that amendment in there to hold a place because it's been a very amiable discussion on LB 1065 from between Select File and now, or between General File and Select. With Senator Beutler, I knew he was going to put an amendment in here to try and fully fund the four plants we have out there. But the amendment, AM3615 which is before you now, strikes a good many sections to LB 1065, and I've been asked by several people on the floor this morning what it does. Well, here's what it does. When we passed LB 983 last week, it had the emergency clause on it and, if you recall, I hope people will recall, LB 983 recodified the Department of Motor Vehicles motor fuel...Department of Revenue motor fuel tax provisions. And LB 983 also included a deletion of Chapter 66, Section 4,142 which was the conflicting language that if the ethanol fund ran out, you could access variable fuel tax and so on. It struck 4,142 in LB 983 so, to harmonize all of this, we had to basically strike a whole batch of sections in LB 1065 which, if you'll look at the amendment, it strikes Sections 1-3, 6-11, 18-21. Those were sections that referred to Chapter 66-4,142. The amendment is nothing more than harmonizing the bill with the provisions in LB 983. There's