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two-year provisions due to size. All counties are starting from a new list, as required by the legislation adopted two years ago. Small counties that have a need for more frequent refreshment of their jury pool could do so. LB 402 permits the jury commissioner to put together the master jury list every two years, to save time and expense. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. You've heard the opening on LB 402. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Fischer, there are no lights on. She waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is, shall LB 402 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed, nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 402.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 402 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 648.

CLERK: LB 648, introduced by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) Introduced on January 19, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on LB 648.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 648 addresses language currently in our statutes related to a pilot program for dispute resolution regarding a settlement escrow technique. In 2001, language was added to our civil procedures statutes in an attempt to consider the merits of the settlement escrow procedure as a method of alternative dispute resolution, or ADR. By its terms, such language terminated, or sunset, on July 1, 2004. Given that this language is no longer operative, it has been suggested by the Revisor of Statutes that it be stricken from the statutes, in order to maintain clarity and to relieve expense. LB 648 would outright repeal those sections. I'd ask for your support in advancement of LB 648. Thank you.