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LB 291, 406

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 291.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 291 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 406.

CLERK: LB 406, by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Introduced on January 12, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on LB 406.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 406 changes the way we issue handicapped parking licenses. And the bill came about because a constituent contacted me saying that when she tried to renew her handicapped parking permit, the office handling these permits was swamped. And even though she submitted her application in a timely manner, she heard nothing regarding her application. I'm actually reading from the letter that she sent me. The day before her old permit expired, she called the office and was told that it would be mailed in a week or two. That was long after the current one would have expired. The lady she spoke with said she would pull the papers and complete it on her lunch time if my constituent could stop by and pick up the permit later that afternoon. That allowed her to park in accessible places without breaking the law. And what she found out is that this happens every year, because it's always...these permits are all done on the same day of the year, September 30, every three years. And so all the bill does is put that on the applicant's birthday date. And it's every three years on their birthday date, the last day of the month, I believe is the way it reads. So, everybody who came in on this was supportive. I think it's a good bill. There's a little, teeny fiscal note, which probably the agency can eat. And with that, Mr. President, I would recommend advancing this to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 406. Open for discussion. Senator Schimek, there are no...she waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is, shall LB 406 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body