TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

March 16, 2005 LB 588

amendments. All in favor of adoption of AM0472 vote aye; those opposed, nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 588. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion, advancement to E & R Initial. Any wishing to discuss advancement? Senator Beutler, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close on advancement of LB 588.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this bill was signed by every member of the Performance Audit Committee. There were no dissenting votes to it on the Exec Board. We've tried to accommodate all concerns and we have accommodated some. We have one more concern that we think needs to be accommodated on Select File. Certainly would entertain any suggestions any of you might have for Select File, but this amendment goes to the core of what is good government, and every place in this country, at the federal level, at the state level, they have found over time that having a strong Performance Audit Committee is important to seeing that the laws that you and I pass are properly and effectively carried out, and that's all really that this amendment is about...this bill is about. I would recommend its advancement. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on LB 588. The question is, shall LB 588 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; those opposed, nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 588 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 588.