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Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you like to advance the bill to E & R for engrossing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes. I would move that LB 683 be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is advancement of LB 683 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion, nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 683A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 683A, I have no E & Rs. Senator Schimek would move to amend the bill. (AM1571, Legislative Journal page 1511.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment to the A bill reflects the amendment that was just adopted on the bill, and it comes, if Senator Stuhr's and my calculations are correct, to about, altogether, a \$172,000 increase for the entire year. Now the first year would be half of that, and then you have to figure in some benefits, too, have to be figured into that A bill. So that is the amendment. It reflects the Chambers amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You're heard the opening on AM1571. Open for discussion. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I hope that the body takes time to discuss this while we're on the A bill, because there was not, in fact, a great deal of discussion when we adopted the previous bill, or advanced it. I think that I have heard a lot from constituents. I put out a newsletter and talked about the fact that I was going to vote for the raises, and that I was hoping that the Governor would sign it and not put us through the mechanics of a "pretend" exercise. I think that the office is certainly worthy of its hire. I think that we also have to look at