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CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM1305.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd withdraw that, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM1702.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler, to open on AM1702.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I wish to withdraw that and refile it at the end of General...at the end of Select File amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered.

CLERK: Senator Schimek, AM0899. (Legislative Journal page 1324.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, on AM0899.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you all for the short discussion on the last amendment. I think that's important. I think it's important to move this bill today and get on to some other issues that we have hanging out there. I'd like to thank Senator Stuhr for her work on that compromise. I meant to press my green before the lights all went off. I will be supporting it on Final Reading, even though I think I preferred the \$24,000. I'm sure that Senator Stuhr and I are going to be around working all of you for that Final Reading vote. And we hope that everybody will support the compromise that has just been adopted, and that we will be able to garner the votes. Now, this amendment that's before you now simply provides for a primary ballot on the issue. And I would ask you to accept this amendment, and knowing that it will take 40 votes on Final Reading to put it on the primary ballot. And of course, if that fails and we're only able to get 30-some votes, then that would have to go on the general election ballot. But we need this amendment to make it