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SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. Thank you. You're welcome.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Preister. Madam Chair and members, I am wanting to address this issue a little broader, but perhaps I will speak to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Preister. Senator Howard, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I'd like to thank Senator Preister for bringing in this amendment. It's of particular concern when bureaucratic agents...agency's bungling leads to serious consequences for children, and I just would like to share a bit of information regarding this matter. The greatest risk of injury from lead poisoning is to children under the age of 7, whose developing bodies and brains are sensitive to even small amounts of lead. This can leave children with irreversible injury that does not appear until many years after the exposure to the lead. The kinds of injuries lead causes in children include learning disabilities; brain damage; loss of I.Q. points in intellect; academic failure; attention deficit disorder; hyperactive behavior; antisocial, also known as criminal, behavior; major organ failure; coma; and the worst possible consequence would be death. So you see this has lasting implications. This could start very early with a child just teething, teething on a window sill. This is a problem that we have a responsibility to address, and I thank Senator Preister. And I return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Howard. We are on the discussion of AM1693. Senator Preister, I see no other lights. Would...Senator Preister waives on closing, so the question is the adoption of AM1693 to LB 40. All in favor say aye...or...no, I'm sorry. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Preister's amendment.