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But commend Senator Preister for being vigilant on this. And it's something we just should not neglect.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Flood. I'm sorry, your light went off. I apologize. Further discussion? Senator Preister, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close, AM1692.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just thank everyone for their concern for these children that are being exposed. I would just highlight again that sometimes when we privatize these different tasks, it doesn't turn out to be a good idea. And in this case, at the federal level, by privatizing these grants, we have inappropriately given out \$167 million, and kept some people from getting them appropriately, where much more good could have been done. Just an editorial comment on privatization. It's not always a savings of money. And sometimes it squanders more money and creates more harm. We need to look carefully at when and how we do that. With that, I thank everyone for their support, and would encourage you to just transfer the funds to provide for the provisions that we already amended into LB 40. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the closing on AM1692. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. We're voting on adoption of the Preister amendment. Please record, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Anything further on the bill, Madam Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, for a motion, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 40A to E & R for engrossing.