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LB 589, 645

present or accounted for. There's been a request for a roll call vote on the question of advancement of LB 645. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1817-1818.) 33 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 645 advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have any items for the record? I do raise the call.

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to next agenda item, General File 2005 committee second priority bills. Mr. Clerk, LB 589.

CLERK: LB 589 by the Performance Audit Committee, signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have Banking Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0743, Legislative Journal page 878.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me just say generally at the beginning here that this bill has to do with coordinating health benefits as between insurance companies who provide those benefits and the Department of Health and Human Services who provides Medicaid services or pays for Medicaid services. The bill has been through the Banking Committee. It has now been agreed to by every insurance company that took an interest in it. And I believe it has the support of the Department of Health and Human Services. It is a bill that, in its initial form, they had asked for. And the reason that I asked the Speaker to do his best to get it up this year is because the Department of Health and Human Services indicates that this bill will be worth \$1 million to \$2 million a year to us in either payments we don't make or payments we recover from insurance companies on the Medicaid side of our program. So