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Friend waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 771 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 771 does advance. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources reports LB 225, LB 226, LB 552, LB 731, LB 1127, LB 1225, all as indefinitely postponed. Amendment from Senator Hudkins to LB 562, will be printed in the Journal. That's all I have. (Legislative Journal pages 740-743.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go on to the next agenda item, LB 1067. Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1067, introduced by Senator Connealy. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 12, referred to the Government Committee. The committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Connealy, to open on LB 1067.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 1067 amends Sections 32-568 and 32-569 to clarify the procedure to fill vacancies in elected offices in a city or village. The amendment to 32-568 addresses the situation when a mayor office in a city of the second class--that's a city between 800 and 5,000--becomes vacant. The general interpretation and how it usually goes is that the president of the city council automatically becomes mayor. But LB 1067 eliminates confusing language that currently exists in statute that could cause some conflict on that. LB 1067 also amends, like I said, 32-569, to clarify the timing of appointments to fill vacancies in elected city council or village boards. The bill clarifies the meaning...to fill the appointment shall be