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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Senator Mines, would you like to make a motion, please?

SENATOR MINES: I move the advancement of LB 875 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Heard the motion to advance LB 875 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. It is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return for AM2291. (Legislative Journal page 796.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, colleagues, you may recall that there was a portion of this bill that had to do with National Warranty and the whole episode with respect to automobile repair contracts and how they were treated in the law. As a result of that debacle, you'll recall that the Banking Committee and others who were interested looked at the whole situation and it came down to the fact that we either had to hurt our local automobile dealers significantly to change things here or we had to get national cooperation and a national consensus on how these matters were to be treated. So we overall were unable to solve the problem at the local level, and I think that's an honest answer to the questions that are posed. But we were able to do one significant thing. You may recall, we put into the bill a notice of risk so that consumers, at least, would know in certain situations that they are entering into an agreement without some of the characteristic protections that are afforded by, for example, our Department of Insurance. At the time that we did that, that notice of risk was required to be a separate document from the main contract, and that was amended so that it was not a separate document but was part of the main contract, at the request of the lobby. Now the lobby would like to have the option. They would like to have that