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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, we are on General File. Would you like to give the body a refresher, a brief reminder of what the bill is about?

SENATOR MINES: I will, Mr. President, thank you. Colleagues, if you might remember last week, we opened on LB 786. And this is a bill that was originally intended to include the recall of elected airport authority members and that has been stricken in the amendment, AM2533. What this bill...let me discuss the amendment because the amendment is new to the...changes the bill itself. What this does is establish standards for recall of local elected officials and those standards are malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance. You will remember that the process today is a process where if you wish to recall someone, there are no standards. Anyone can recall anyone, any elected official for no reason. This bill, as amended, would establish that criteria. You'll also see on your gadget that there are a list of amendments by Senator Chambers and he will address those. But this was advanced from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee unanimously as amended. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Mines gave a brief on the bill itself and the committee amendment itself. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have amendments pending to the committee amendments. Senator Chambers, the first one is FA556.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to withdraw all of my pending amendments. I have discussed this matter with Senator Mines, Senator Schimek and her staff, and I'm not going to have to go through each amendment as I had chosen to do. Whenever I offer a number of amendments to a bill, I want to take them individually so that I can state forthrightly without deception what each amendment does. I can answer questions and nobody will get the impression that I'm giving you a fast shuffle by saying, just take my word that these are good amendments and they mean what I say they