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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was not adopted.

CLERK: I have 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 188 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance to E & R for engrossing. Senator Beutler, did you wish to talk? I recognize Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry, thank you. Members of the Legislature, this is a difficult moment for me because we're at the end of a late evening. It's 7:23. There are five people gone. They were all supporters of the bill. And I'm in a position where, on one of the most important votes, from my perspective, I'm being caught short at the end of a long evening. And I'm hoping you will think...I see Senator Brashear motioning to me. I would yield to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Beutler. We have reached a moment unanticipated. But I play by the rules I agree to and what's right. I'm going to vote to advance the bill because I'm advised there aren't enough people here without some of the opponents voting to advance and I think that is right and proper. We've had the complete discussion. We've had the complete battle. And except when you're engaged in a tactical stall to let a bad law stay on the books, I've always said you vote to improve the law. Now I have to be honest, I'm not going to lie, I'm not certain this improves the law. But ostensibly, that was the exercise we engaged in. I want to see the bill advanced because it would be if everyone