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Senator Engel waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2479 by the Exec Board be adopted to LB 956? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the committee amendments offered by the Executive Board. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending on the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion of the bill itself, LB 956. Senator Beutler, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, thank you for your attention. And let me just say one last thing. Twenty of us won't be here next year. Those of you who remain will be here two years and then almost none of us will be here. Term limits, this is an area where you can do something that will be helpful in the new era of term limits. Staff is going to become more and more important to people, keeping good staff around and bridging the gap between senators is going to become more and more important. If you can develop a really good performance audit section...I mean, not that we don't have it already. They do great work, but they're small. If you can continue to build up that function then you can start to rely upon that a little more and there will be a knowledge base there about how institutions have functioned and what kinds of continuing problems persist from year to year. And I think it will be even more helpful to you. Senators are going to have even less time to become experienced and become knowledgeable in areas. And a group of people like this is going to be extremely valuable to you, I think. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on LB 956 by the Chairman of the Performance Audit Committee, Senator Beutler. Question before the body is, shall