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March 29, 2006 LB 239, 1006, 1256A

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the closing on LB 1006. Question before the body is, shall LB 1006 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on advancement of LB 1006. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1006.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1006 does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, one item, new A bill. (Read LB 1256A by title for the first time.) That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1330.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Continuing on the agenda, the last item on the Schimek division, Mr. Clerk, LB 239.

CLERK: LB 239, a bill by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10 of last year, at that time referred to the Education Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. At this time, I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on LB 239.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm delighted to be able to introduce this bill to you tonight. It's been a long time in the making. I was thinking earlier on the discussion of the other bills that it was ironic that some of the things that we were talking about with early childhood education could very well apply to this bill, which is about postsecondary education and for a very select group of students. Let me explain what LB 239 does. LB 239 allows all students who graduate from high school in Nebraska or who obtain their GED the opportunity to pursue higher education through in-state tuition rates. The student must also have lived in Nebraska with a parent or guardian for at least three years.