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LB 856

adoption of the Mines amendment to LB 856. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Select File amendment.

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

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. I move we advance LB 856 for E & R Engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 856 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. It is readvanced.

CLERK: Senator Raikes would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (AM3018, Legislative Journal page 1379.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This motion to return is for the following specific amendment, and I'll explain the amendment now so that you can make your decision at this point. The amendment would lower the age that a puppy or kitten could be legally sold without its mother. You recall that the body adopted an amendment offered by Senator Mines on Select File that increased the age of legal sale from six weeks to eight weeks. This amendment proposes that the age be seven weeks. The reason for the change is to accommodate owners that wish to employ a particular method of dog training known as the Wolters method, that's W-o-l-t-e-r-s, which recommends that training begin promptly at seven weeks of age. The current eight-week requirement in LB 856 would disrupt and possibly undermine the training efforts associated with this particular method. With that, I'll be happy to answer questions. I would urge your support of the motion to return. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the motion to return. Open for discussion. Senator