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SENATOR STUTHMAN:    Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI:    Thank you, Senator Stuthman, members of the Legislature, it's late. There's a lot of people not here. That last vote was very apparent to me where we're headed here with this bill. I tried genuinely to introduce LB 745 on behalf of the horse racing industry, including the breeders, including the quarter horse racing industry, to try to deliver some relief from the competition of expanded gaming, both inside the state and outside our state. We're at a crossroads now relative to this industry in our state that has been with us for generations, literally, since the 1930s, that we're going to have to do something in this Legislature to assist this Legislature, or it will completely go away. It's just hanging now, and if we do not provide some technology to bring back the people to the track, to bring in a new generation of horse players, we will lose this industry. But given the late hour, given the fact a lot of people have...that have left, checked out, and considering that last vote, I would ask, Mr. Clerk, unanimous consent to pass over LB 745.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    With no objections, it is passed over. We now will pass over the LB 745A, as well. Right, Mr. Clerk? We now go to LB 228.

CLERK:      Mr. President, LB 228, a bill originally introduced by Senator Howard. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7 of last year, at that time referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1988, Legislative Journal page 702.)

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD:      Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and thank you, those members who are persevering and staying here this evening. I appreciate that you've remained. LB 228, as amended by the committee amendments, would