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we've had the discussion on Select File, and as I have also shared with Senator Schimek, it is not my intent to delay her opportunity for a vote. I believe the information presented, at least the information I presented, was based in Congressional Record, was not disputed. With that, Mr. President, I would ask that FA690 be withdrawn, and any other amendments I may have pending be withdrawn as well.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA690 is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, for...or, Senator Flood, for a motion, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 239 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance. Now, Senator Schimek, you can address that motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I asked for a chance to speak because I thought that there were some things that were talked about here that perhaps I needed to respond to. First of all, I want to clarify, because I think I heard Senator Erdman say it, these students do not receive tuition. They pay tuition and they pay it at the same rate as any other student. They are not, in that sense, getting a benefit that...I also heard that the Kansas brief was hired by...or was filed by an attorney for hire, and I believe, if I'm not mistaken, it was done by the Attorney General's Office in Kansas. He was defending the Kansas law, as most Attorney Generals do. And, Senator Stuhr, I want to make sure that we don't get confused here about residency, and I probably should have clarified that when I answered your questions. We're not talking about residency for immigration purposes. We're talking about residency for tuition purposes, and there's nothing we can say about residency for immigration purposes. That is really up to the federal government. Senator Engel, legally speaking, a crime requires intent, and these children did not intend to