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machines, which are, basically, advanced computer systems, the price would have been less. The problem is that if you go through our election act most of the references are to paper ballots, although there is some language that relates to punchcard-type machines. Apparently, those who wrote the original election act never contemplated technology such as that which is available and in use today. LB 526 would allow the Secretary of State to adopt procedures to use these new technology advances, while preserving the safety and confidentiality of the voting process, and the secrecy and scrutiny of the tabulation process. I urge your support for this bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any discussion of LB 526? Seeing none, Senator Pedersen. He waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 526. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 526, have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: (LB) 526 advances. Before the next bill, Senator Schimek has as her guests in the north balcony 28 sixth graders from Lakeview School with their teacher, and also some adult sponsors. (Introduces teacher.) Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk, LB 70.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, LB 70 was introduced by Senators Cudaback, Robinson, and Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9th of this year, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (See AM0371 found on page 676 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Cudaback on LB 70.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'd like to pass over that amendment and go right to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: You're to explain the bill, you are the introducer of the bill...