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Universal Service Fund to fill that gap. We don't know enough, not because we haven't worked, not because we haven't tried, but this is an evolving area. It is changing monthly with us, and instead of us coming in this summer or this fall in special session to do this, we're going to give the Public Service Commission broad authority to determine the type of Universal Service Fund that is necessary, and we give them guidelines. This is not a one page bill that says they shall do it, period, end of paragraph, end of bill. It's...it's got parameters, it's got some policy goals to reach. It requires a degree of trust of the Public Service Commission, and that is a difficult choice sometimes for people to make. Given the circumstances, I believe it a reasonable approach. Between now and Select File, there's a number of amendments that we've...we've said that in concept they're good, we'll work on them. Senator Chambers wants some things to...to outline to them, we'll do that on Select File. I encourage you to use my office and my staff. We will...we will do the best we can to explain the issue to you. If you have specific questions, we'll be happy to do so. I appreciate your patience. I hope that you'll see fit to advance to E & R Initial, and with that, Madam President, I would close and thank you, as the Chair, as well.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you...thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 686. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 686.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Senator Preister would like to print amendments to (LB) 374; and Senator Wesely to (LB) 864. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1567-76 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hudkins, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow morning.