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LB 171, 1253

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. No, I don't need to say anything more. I think we've explained it very well and so I'll just thank you for your vote to move LB 1253 to Select. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. The question before the body is, shall LB 1253 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion to advance LB 1253.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1253 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 171, a bill by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 8 of last year, at that time referred to the Revenue Committee, bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on LB 171.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to give you a brief overview of the context of the bill but, so it's easier for the Legislature to follow, I'm going to defer and I believe that the committee amendments, which are agreeable to me, I think the debate should occur and I don't think there's any great objections to the committee amendments, as I understand them. Debate on the underlying bill will be easier to follow once the committee amendments are adopted and some of the policies put forward at that point in time, but let me give you a brief background and an introduction, if I can. The FCC is the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is the federal agency which deals with licenses of broadcasters, all sorts of band widths. They are the ones that control the telephone industry. They are the ones who passed the bill, and this is how I got to this bill, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that we've all talked a lot about. One of the other items that was included and has