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LR 453-475

items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 968, LB 968A, LB 1213, LB 1363, LB 1363A as correctly engrossed. A series of study resolutions, LR 453-475. And Government Committee reports LB 803 to General File with amendments attached. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1362-1374.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM3089. (Legislative Journal page 1374.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM3089.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is the shortest and the simplest. It says every parent and grandparent shall convey with love to every child and grandchild at every teachable moment the joy and power of learning. I wanted to relate to you a story and that's why I've done this in the form of an amendment so I'd have just a few minutes to relate to you because it does me good at least to put things in perspective. Everything we do here is important on these standards on the school systems, everything. But it's still not nearly as important as the importance of family and the support of family to the education process. And I had read a book once a long time ago, it was called The Education of Henry Adams, and Henry Adams was the grandson of John Quincy Adams, President of the United States, of course, in the 1820s. And Henry Adams was himself a fine historian. And in the last years of his life he wrote an autobiographical piece called The Education of Henry Adams which coincidentally I consider one of the three most important books in my life personally. And in the book he starts with some of his childhood memories, going back to his sixth or seventh year to a spring that he spent in Quincy, Massachusetts. And Quincy, Massachusetts, was the home of his grandfather, John Quincy Adams, a very old man at that time who spent most of the time in his garden when he wasn't involved in lawsuits involving slave ships and other items. And so young Henry Adams was there that summer and he relates in the