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close? Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question before the body is, shall FA106 be adopted to LB 170? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on FA106 to LB 170. Have you all voted who wish to? Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is adopted.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the advancement of LB 170 to E & R for engrossing. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote for LB 170. I think it represents an improvement in our process. It takes its place along with another bill, LB 465, that will have some relationship to this, and since Senator Beutler's amendment raised the issue, let me tell you a little bit about what's coming up, although I intend to support LB 170. LB 465 will tell us that we should move from three to five the total number of members of our TERC board and that three of them be lawyers, the goal being that to be able to split into at least two panels of three, which I think is a reasonable thing to do. It has many other very valuable provisions. The issue of training does relate. There is a foot on the dock and a foot in the boat here between LB 170 and LB 465. My preference, by the way, is to have panels of three, one of whom is a lawyer and one of whom is deeply trained in mass appraisal techniques. And we will not wind up there at the current rate in which we're proceeding in LB 170 and LB 465. What we'll have is we will have a lot of legal knowledge and I think we will have not as much knowledge about mass appraisal techniques. So when LB 465 comes back, there will be a little piece of this bill that will be back on the table as relevant when we talk about what's the appropriate makeup and training level of the members of TERC. However, LB 170 represents an improvement from where we are in public policy. I endorse it. I voted for it in committee and I will vote for it today as