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do this so that there at least gives warning that they're going to bypass the Special Master and go right to CIR. It should buy some time, may not be the biggest issue, but it does provide a time where...so that people know exactly what the lay of the land is. It lays out what the negotiation process is about. It gives warning to both parties that there is an intent to bypass Special Master. Hopefully this would be done in a congenial climate. But at that time if there's problems, I assume that this would not be so...might be fairly lively discussion and there may be a need to have all parties know exactly what's going to happen. This lays it on the line, in 30 days they need to notify. So I urge you to adopt this because I think it does help preserve the time line, doesn't solve all the problems. It's going to put quite a bit of pressure on CIR under the present bill that was passed, but it will put...it does give them a little...it gives the CIR a little more time to try to fall in place for the budget process, and I'm very concerned about that. It doesn't say that...I still don't like LB 397. My ultimate...and the only way that I will consider voting for LB 397 is to have AM0715 passed. Even then, I think it's a mistake but in trying to find some common ground, AM0715 passes, I could live with it. But I think it's implying that we have a problem with our present structure. I don't think we have a problem with our present structure, and I much prefer not having LB 397. But at this point, I urge you to vote for my amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing on AM1445 to AM0715 to LB 397. The question is shall that amendment be adopted. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the Wehrbein amendment AM1445 to AM0715. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on AM1445. Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Back to discussion, AM0715. Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, if you must have this