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having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 575 pass? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on LB 575? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1678 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 42 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 575 passes. Now proceed with Item 7 on the agenda, LB 479.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, with respect to LB 479, Senator Bromm would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment is found on page 1375.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment, which is found on which page of the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: It's found on 1375.

SENATOR BROMM: Thirteen seventy-five, is an amendment to Section 61-1009 of the statutes. This is the statute which provides for utilities to make interest free loans for such purposes as weather stripping, electric furnace modifications, load management equipment to actually provide more energy efficient equipment. The limit in the law that was placed in there several years ago, 13 years ago, to be exact, is \$3,000. And people are experiencing now that that makes it impossible for them to take advantage of this energy efficient utility loan, because it just isn't a high enough loan limit. To explain exactly the situation, we...my amendment proposes to raise the loan limit to \$35,000. I've talked with Senator Beutler quite a little bit about it. We agree that there are other aspects of this entire law that need to be looked at, and I would like to commit to work on a bill, next year, which would change some other aspects of this law. But to help out the, at least the residential projects a little bit, I'm going to...I'm going to want to withdraw that amendment and change it to \$10,000 instead of \$35,000, and then commit to work on the bill, a more comprehensive bill that will change other aspects of this law next year. And I'll explain more...more about this if I have another opportunity. But I would like to change the 35,000 to 10,000. I withdraw that amendment, the same wording, except