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LB 200 A

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. The Chair would like to announce that Senator VonMinden has some friends under the South balcony this morning, Carol and Shalisa Nau of Waverly. Senator Schmit, I guess we are ready to go with LB 200A. The Clerk will read the title.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 200A was introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 200A is an appropriation bill of \$25,000. We may not need it all but it is a requirement of the bill that all states must commit that amount of money to the program in order that they participate equally in the regional low level radioactive waste disposal concept and I hope that we do not need it but at least it gets us off the ground. Once the compact is in operation it will be self-supporting, will not require any additional appropriation. I will answer any other questions, otherwise I would move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 200A? Senator Beutler, you have your light on. Do you wish to speak?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just have one question with regard to the finances on it and maybe, Senator Schmit, you could answer it. I just don't understand it entirely. But as I understand it, \$25,000 is paid equally both, for example, by the State of Missouri, by the State of Louisiana, by all the states involved and this goes on for a period of time until the waste site is established and then basically it is a user fee type arrangement based on how much you take to it but what is the justification for example, when the State of Missouri probably has at least four or five times our industrial capacity, for their paying \$25,000 into this and Nebraska paying \$25,000 into this, I guess what is the justification for the equal fee from all the states when the benefit will certainly not be equal to all the states?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Beutler, that is one reason why we enter this compact rather than some of the others because there is less discrepancy in the amount of waste generated in the states that are included in this compact than with any of the other compacts we might have joined. You will discover also that