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though it's new section, it's not new statute or new provisions. LB 238, in essence then, requires that the bid limits and the limits associated with the other provisions that I talk about increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000. To provide just a brief bit of history, the statute...the limit was last changed in 1983 when it was raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000. It had been \$7,500 from 1979 to 1983. It has not been changed in the last 14 years, and, obviously, there's been an increase in the cost of services and materials and labor over the past 14 years, which makes it reasonable that this adjustment should be made now. It also clarifies the language in the statutes regarding city council approval of public improvement contracts, engineer's estimates, and bidding. Right now, there is...it's unclear, and as a result, different cities, different villages are interpreting our statutes differently. This would now allow for a uniform opinion on how to...these practices should work. I think that these are good changes. They're changes that are supported by the first class cities and villages, and would ask for the advancement of LB 238 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 238? Seeing none, Senator Maurstad to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 238. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 238.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 238 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, hearing notices from the Appropriations Committee signed by Senator Wehrbein as chair. Health and Human Services Committee reports 184 to General File with amendments, and 325 to General File with amendments. (See amendments on page 552 of the Legislative Journal.) Those signed by Senator Wesely. New A bill. (Read LB 649A by title for first time. See page 552 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock