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Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. The handout should explain as good as I could explain it, so I'll waive further closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The question is the adoption...the advancement of LB 1216 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1216.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1217, a bill introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12 of this year, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2629, Legislative Journal page 975.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. To open on LB 1217, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this essentially is the Governor's bill, and we have amended it, which will be the committee amendment that comes up next. So, essentially, this is going to be page 11, to have a shorthand view of that, and the discussion on that starts then on page 13 and goes on through the additional discussion. If you have questions or whatever, I don't know how much detail to go into on each one of those. Senator Brown explained the top three or four. The most expensive ones, about 90 percent of our total budget deficit is in the first three, taking out the \$30 million community college property tax relief. Nothing much...not much was said about the university, the employee health care costs, they...they...their health care costs caught up to them, so to speak. We'd had the increase, quite a large increase in health care costs for the state of Nebraska and the state college systems a year ago. This time the university had a large increase. They had requested \$8.5 million, we have