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January 25, 2001 LB 168A

CLERK: Mr. President, new A bill, LB 168A, it's by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, and placed on General File.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the bill, the A bill that I indicated was going to be forthcoming if we advanced LB 168, the bill that had been brought to us by the Motor Vehicle Fuels Division of the Department of Revenue. This is a little bit odd in some respects as it pertains to A bills. Usually we are seeing A bills because they spend money. This A bill does not spend money. This money...this A bill simply transfers money from a cash fund to the General Fund. So the next time you look at your General Fund status, you are going to see the General Fund status as \$712,000 better off than when you looked at it the last time. I hope Senator Wehrbein is happy about that. It doesn't change the overall position of the state. It simply moves monies, as I've indicated, from a cash fund to the General Fund. We're able to make that transfer because one of the provisions in LB 168 is simply the elimination of that cash fund. We're not going to use...have to use that in the future. That was the cash fund. That's the cash that results, if you recall, from the \$10 fees that are charged to persons who had to apply for the motor vehicle fuels refund program. So with that, LB 168 eliminates the cash fund; LB 168A transfers the monies in the cash fund to the General Fund.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Is there discussion on the advancement of LB 168A? Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 168A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 168A.