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SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, did you wish to be recognized or are you passing? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just in answer to Senator Stahmer. The Executive Board give blanket authority to Mr. Gerdes to hire whatever staff was necessary in his judgment and to pay them whatever the cost might be in order to obtain people who were qualified in the area specialization that the staff required. It was understood that it might cost \$15,000, \$20,000, \$25,000 a person. We give him that authority. We've only indicated if it what they are and what he wanted to assume the responsibility for come back to the Board and let us participate in the joint responsibility. We've done everything we can and I understand that almost everybody is now satisfied with their staff.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of LB 243? Senator Warner, do you care to close on your bill? Senator Warner is now closing on LB 243.

SENATOR WARNER: Just to say, Mr. President, as far as the limitation is concerned, it is not eliminated. It still remains in the Budget Act. The Budget bill, of course, anymore is presented...one is presented by the Governor which would include the suggestion then that Senator Duis has made. I think passage of the bill will make that this co-department consistent generally with the others, co-departments, and I don't see where it makes any significant change as far as procedure is concerned than we have in the past. Perhaps, provides some flexibility to the Board which would be necessary in the hiring of a new director should that be necessary.

SPEAKER: The question is shall LB 243 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of LB 243 Senator Warner's bill from General File to E & R Initial. Once again the chair would ask if you have all voted. Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 7 nays, 21 not voting.

SPEAKER: LB 243 fails to advance. The next bill on General File debate is LB 13. I understand Senator Schmit is not here. Is Senator Schmit in the chamber?

CLERK: No.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Move on to LB 252. Senator Goodrich's bill.

CLERK: Read title. LB 252. There are no committee amendments. There are other amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill would do one thing. You will notice it's a very short bill. It would merely strike the word "25 acres" and insert the word "50 acres", as far as the amount of ground that can be acquired for a school site. In the present day, the schools..the school plant themselves are getting bigger and, consequently, we need larger tracts of ground and the accommodation of this demand would be achieved plus the fact that we are also faced with the problem of schools in the very recent past here entering into joint ventures with cities and counties using the schools as recreation facilities for a community and with the combination of those two reasons is why I introduced the bill and I would encourage your advancing the bill to...I would move we advance the bill to E & R Initial and answer any questions anybody might have.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.