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LB 507A, 819A

of LB 819A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.  
Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 819A is advanced to E & R initial. The next bill on consent calendar is LB 507A, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 507A.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recongizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, LB 507A of course is an A bill to 507 which is the Rail Revitalization Act that is before us. At first we thought that we would not need an appropriation but in talking to the state department they felt that if the Governor does appoint the council which is a state agency that they probably would have to pay for the expense of these council people and it would require about \$10,000 so that is the amount of the A bill. I move that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, this is the last of the four bills this morning. They are totalling somewhere in the vicinity of \$600,000 that was not appropriated last year. This one here is \$10,000 from the general fund to the branch railroad revitalization fund. It is for one year. This is a new fund as I understand it and if we start it at \$10,000 this year and next year it will probably go up to \$50,000, and once again we are starting to increase the spending and there are an awfully lot of good projects going on across the state and that we ought to be supporting but I am going to bring up to the attention of the body of this Legislature every time there is bills that are creating new department, new funds. I am going to bring it up to you and I want you to know that this is not included in the Governor's 7%, what he talked about in the State of the State, and if we put it in there and if the Governor signs this bill, we together have told the people of this state that we are going to spend by these four bills this morning something in the vicinity of \$600,000 of federal money or our own. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, you may close.

SENATOR KREMER: ...if not, I will only just comment, I can't help but agree with Senator Keyes. On the other hand what does it cost if we do not do some of these things?