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LB 253

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the bill allows for contributions to the litter control fund from private sources and reinstates the original date for the act. And that's all the amendments do. I move the adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the amendments to 253. Senator Dworak. Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Not really, but I will. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the bill is similar to 965 of last year. It simply imposes a retail fee of \$150 for each \$1 million of gross proceeds of sales on fast foods and beverages and groceries, establishes a floor of \$100,000 at the manufacturing, wholesale and retail level before the fee is imposed. Hence, of course, we have a minimum fee, would be \$15, and as a result of these changes we hope to raise about an additional 210 to 220 thousand dollars fiscal year 1981-'82, maybe another 240...250 thousand dollars new money, fiscal year '82-'83. As you probably realize as promised under our original litter bill, we are raising 400 to 500 thousand dollars right on projection, and the expenses, by the way, for imposing this additional retail fee by the Department of Revenue are estimated at \$10,000. So you are not talking about an additional huge amount of money to raise this money. It is going to be very minimal, pretty much one-time, and we would anticipate then once this legislation is put into place that we would have between six and seven hundred thousand instead of four to five hundred thousand to attack the litter problem and continue our work that is going so well now. It also clarifies any question in the legislation about agricultural products within the act, makes clear they are eliminated. You may remember there was a slight question when eight million farmers got litter forms as to whether they were involved or not and we are simply clearing that up so that doesn't happen again. I move advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.