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LB 250, 253A

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...not general fund increase?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, it's a cash fund, not a general fund increase.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? Senator Wesely, do you wish to close or say anything further?

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. The question is the advancement of LB 253A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 250.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall, I have E & R amendments to 250.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Wesely to the bill. (The Wesely amendment appears on pages 1355-57 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, LB 250 again deals with licensure. It is a bill introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee on behalf of the Department of Health. I had passed out for you, you should have it on your desks, a copy of the amendment to LB 250. It is purely technical in nature. It came to us from the Department of Health and more clearly defines a couple of items, one dealing with occupational therapists. It came from the Occupational Therapist Examining Board and would provide for the option of utilizing a nationally standardized test for them. And then the other item is a standardization of the licensure dates to August instead of July. So that is all the amendment does and we would ask your support for it, please.