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LB 724, 725

the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? If you'll stick around, please, some of these smaller ones coming up should be quite noncontroversial. Please vote if you care to. We're voting on the advancement of the bill. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance 725, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. LB 724.

CLERK: 724 was a bill offered by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill reflects utilization of a statute that was enacted three or four years ago in which there are claims filed against the state arising from lawsuits, attorney fees primarily, that the enabling legislation, that is the Standing Committee that dealt with the enabling legislation which the suit was filed makes a review and a recommendation whether or not those attorney fees should be approved. And that recommendation comes to the Appropriations Committee which in turn then takes into consideration those recommendations. In all cases those recommendations were positive from the Standing Committee and so there are about six different cases here in which the state lost and was therefore required to pay attorney fees. The total is some \$70,000 as I recall for all of those cases. There is a possibility that by Select File we will have some adjustments in these, downward adjustment in the general fund amount. It's perhaps possible that some of the federal funding that is involved with Social Services could also be used to pay the amount of some of these claims. But they range from a high of \$52,000 to a low of about \$495 with the accumulative total being in the vicinity of \$70,000. So I'd move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 724,