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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, yours is the last light on. We are now vo...we will now...Senator Withem, did you wish to close on the advancement of LB 3?

SENATOR WITHEM: Would move the advancement.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 3. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 3.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 3 advances. We'll now go to LB 15.

CLERK: LB 15, Mr. President, introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on September 21, referred to Education, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 15 is a bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee. A little background. It kind of ties into LB 3 that we just discussed. As you'll remember, the Governor originally introduced LB 3 at a \$5 million a year level on the wards of the court. The Appropriations Committee recommended that back down at the old 1272 level, which is about \$1.7 million a year. Looking for some other ways to bridge the gap between those two numbers, as well as to address our overall budget gap the committee looked at some other ideas within the arena of education that we thought were reasonable and that we could get accomplished in the special session. We certainly did not bridge all that gap. But one bill, LB 15, is a bill that I think addresses part of that...part of that gap, as well as, I think, make it a good policy decision. The way it is right now, and this bill is worth about, not this year but next biennium worth, estimated \$900,000 a year. LB 15 eliminates minor building modifications as an allowable reimbursable expense by the state for special education programs. The way it is now