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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. The State Department of Education had some shortage in their certification fee fund. They came in with a request that was out of line in terms of what was necessary to run, specifically, that fund. We have, subsequently, amended it calling for a \$2 increase in teacher certification fees. There is no General Fund money involved. Two dollars only. We have negotiated with the Department to cut their budget to meet that kind of fee request. You adopt the committee amendments.... We have divided that money, \$5.50 for Professional Practices Act, and \$4.50 to take care of the certification. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 540 be advanced. Briefly, as I indicated back on LB 532, the Department of Education, the two programs on teachers certification the Professional Practice Act was funded out of cash, but there was not adequate funds raised by the old rates. What the committee has done with the bill, in adjusting the fees, will be adequate to provide the cash funds as indicated in the appropriation bill, and as a result the bill needs to be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: LB 540 is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 540A I understand we're to take up also. It was just introduced so the bill has not been printed and is not in your bill book. Read title to LB 540A.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I ask that the bill be advanced, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: ...Speaker's order and consider LB 402 at this time. Signed, Senator Swigart.

PRESIDENT: Does that meet with your approval? Okay. You have to overrule the Speaker's order.

SENATOR SWIGART: I so move.

PRESIDENT: No, this is not a change in the rules. This is to overrule the Speaker's order. You ready for the vote? Senator Frank Lewis wants to debate the question.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, as I understand the request it's to bring up LB 402, Senator Swigart's bill. That is the mandated drivers education bill. Is that right? I oppose that. My Mother opposes that, and I know a number of others that do.

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