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LB 690, 690A, 749

willing to be the front man on it because I think it is the correct approach. I ask that you advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 690 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The Clerk will read the A bill.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 690A.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, it is our anticipation that this will cost an additional \$130,000. I want to be up front about it. We got the bill going and we ought to pay for it. I ask that the A bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 690A to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. We move now to LB 749.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 749.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, what LB 749 attempts to accomplish is to provide that grandparents would have an opportunity through petitioning a court to have an opportunity to visit their grandchildren. Now presently the Nebraska law reads that an individual who is a grandparent does not have this opportunity unless they can prove that the parent that has custody of that child is an unfit parent. Now in many cases when divorce comes about there is a great deal of sentiment. There is a great deal of distrust, dislike between the parties in this dissolution of this marriage and the grandparents are the ones that suffers.