

amount from the cash fund and the cash fund for the next two fiscal years, I move your advancement of LB 129A.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other discussion? You have heard the explanation of LB 129A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of LB 129A? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on advancement of the A bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 129 is advanced. LB 48.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 48 offered by Senator Barrett. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10, referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, due to the absence of the Chairman, I will handle the amendments on LB 48. The first amendment requires that all licensees subject to the continuing education requirement must complete a test every two years. The test would be administered by the Department of Insurance and a passing grade of 70 percent is mandated. The Department of Insurance is given authority to assess a fee to cover the expense of administering the tests. The second amendment clarifies the authority of the current practice of direct response in regards to insurance soliciting and advertising. Last year we passed a comprehensive new license act for the insurance companies and agencies and this merely clears up one section of the statute that was unclear and it just clears it up so everybody understands it. Those are the two committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I would ask for a separation of parts of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, I understood that was coming and that will be granted. Do you want to take the first part which as I understand...is that the Higgins amendment portion?