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LB 1127

LR 287

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. I was involved quite extensively when we proposed the bonding for the rec center at Wayne State, and the building is built now. It's operating very well. It's a very good addition for Wayne State and I think this is a good way to go. We need to have some of these new buildings for these state colleges and I believe, as we have seen in the past, that this is an optional way to go and I think that it is a good way, so I'm certainly going to support this proposal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? Seeing none, the question is the adoption of LR 287. Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 287 is adopted. To General File, Mr. Clerk, 1988 committee priority bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1127 offered by the Transportation Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of this year, Mr. President. It was referred to the Transportation Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members, yes, LB 1127 is a bill which was brought to us by the Department of Motor Vehicles and, in summary, it calls for a 15 cent increase per license plate beginning in 1990. The department is preparing for the next license plate issuance which will be in 1990 and they are estimating that the price of the plate will go up from the current approximately \$1.00 to about 1.15 because of the increase in the cost of steel. And so this money goes into the Highway Trust Fund, and so if there is not sufficient revenue to cover the cost of the license plate, then the Highway Trust Fund suffers. This...current law does not authorize the state to charge a fee for those tabs and they cost about a nickel apiece, but the 1.15 supposedly will cover both the cost of the plate and those tabs. I have circulated, and it is on