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SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1143 is advanced. LB 1143A.

CLERK: LB 1143A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Korshoj.  
(Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj, will you handle the A bill?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members, I inadvertently did not state that Harry Hoffman really, really worked on getting this tour we took and getting us all the information we needed, went with us on the trip and he really was the key to this. Now, on this 1143A, all my life I've wanted to inherit something and I happened to inherit this bill. The day they needed it presented up there why Senator Higgins wasn't here so I got to put my name on it and it's my bill. It is a...well, I'll tell you what it does. She gave me something to read. The A bill appropriates 200,000 from the General Fund to the Vacant Building Fund from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989. Section 2 appropriates...first, it appropriates 200,000 from the Vacant Building Fund from July 1, '88 to June 30, '89, and 200,000 from the Vacant Building Fund from July 1, '89 to June 30, 1990 to the Department of Administrative Services for Program 574. Total expenditures for salaries and per diems shall not exceed 38,600 for either period stated above. This is just a logical process to establish a new fund, the Vacant Building Fund. It allows for two staff people, one from Material and one from DAS, survey costs and other selling costs; 150,000 is for utilities and maintenance for the buildings until they are sold. Maybe never use it, maybe only one time appropriation. I can't believe that figure but I inherited it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, when this appropriation was arrived at, I don't think anybody realized that when you sell a building for a couple hundred thousand dollars it all comes back to home. So I don't believe that it's a clear, precise figure because, obviously, if we sell the buildings, we will not have to maintain them anymore. But, more important, getting them off of our hands means we won't have to spend as much as a half a million dollars to raze one of these buildings, and, believe me, we saw some like that in Norfolk. And Senator Richard Peterson's part of the committee