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LB 58, 593

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 593.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 593 advances. We'll go to LB 58.

CLERK: LB 58 introduced by Senator Schellpeper. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. LB 58 is a bill I put in for the City of Norfolk. I've had it in the last two years. We did not get to it last year, but what it would do, it would allow the cities to increase their levy from 3.5 percent, or 3.5 cents to 5 cents per \$100 valuation just for safety purposes. We're not talking about the entire budget. We're only talking about the budget that deals with safety purposes, the fire, the police, the rescue units or those departments of their actual budget. So what it is, not all cities would even use this. I think there is now currently six cities that would like to use it for their safety purposes. They have some bonds and not all...it says that they may use it. It doesn't say that they shall. It's just in case they want to. So what it is, it's just once again, just for the safety purpose, not the entire city budget. I'd be glad to answer any questions if there is any.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Discussion. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I do have a question of you, Senator Schellpeper, if you would yield.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR PIRSCH: This is a levy on property tax, correct?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. In the increase which is for a special purpose, is this required to go through a vote of the people?