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LB 110, 137, 220, 240A, 364, 669

and LB 240A.) Senator Pedersen, amendments to be printed to LB 669; Senator Bernard-Stevens to LB 364; Senator Crosby to LB 137; Senator Chambers to LB 110. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1559-63 of the Legislative Journal.)

Reminder, Appropriations Committee will meet in Room 1003, upon adjournment. Appropriations Committee, upon adjournment in 1003.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, we'll now proceed with LB 220.

CLERK: LB 220, a bill introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner, with the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 220, as indicated by its title, deals with the current limitations on, at least as amended, on local governmental subdivisions on their property taxes. We spent a great deal of time reviewing this issue. There was a variety of bills introduced with special kinds of exceptions that it was felt by the committee that an approach, as the amendments, perhaps was more appropriate. The kinds of things that are provided for in the committee amendment first is, which we have done in other cases, is the authorization for accessibility, barrier elimination, which would be outside of the lid as...and we have done this for other governmental subdivisions. But the expenditures cannot be included under capital improvement projects that's funded through a sinking fund and those kinds of things. In addition, the legislation would permit, in the case of the growth in personal property tax valuation that occurs under the limitation that we currently have, those entities that are having growth do not share in it, which is appropriate. In the case of counties, one of the problems that they have, some counties at least, is where taxes are levied by a county board in their administrative capacity, nevertheless affects the growth in the county budget for lid purposes. And these are such things as a hospital or county fair, and it would make those separate from the lid as far as the operation of county government is concerned. Then the two basic changes that are included in the bill is, one, it would allow, this would probably most likely be used in an...in an urban or municipality