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of Agriculture has internally had the ability to raise, increase the per colony fees from 14 cents to 20 cents and should...the feeling is at least, that through this year they can generate enough revenue to adequately fund the apiary program. There may be an issue yet in the second year of the biennium but we can deal with that in a timely process. And so since there was no need this year for this fee increase to take into effect, given the recent information we have obtained, I would respectfully request the body to allow the Appropriations Committee to withdraw LB 845 and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Moore, I have a question or I would like you to respond to something. There's been a lot of talk that what is really going on here is that the Appropriations Committee was fearful of the massive political clout of the Beekeepers Association of Nebraska and they are just basically caving under for fear of political reprisals. Can you comment on that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there certainly was a concern about being stung by this bill, but, no, that was not the case. They had enough revenue. The bill was no longer needed.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: No.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will now vote on the motion to withdraw LB 845. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the withdrawal of LB 845.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 845 is withdrawn. Further motion, Mr. Clerk. While the Legislature is in session and capable of conducting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 406, LB 448, LB 458, LB 468, LB 506, LB 617, LB 682, LB 690, LB 750, LB 479, LB 544E. Thank you. We will now move to Select File,