

SENATOR JONES: Yeah, I didn't think it was General Fund. I just wondered how it arrived and where it came from. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Any other discussion of LB 329? Seeing none, Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: I'm not sure I have an exact answer for Senator Beutler's question. But I think what the issue is, there's a request...Senator Beutler isn't here, but I'll say it. There's a requirement that certain gifts and bequests, over a certain dollar amount, the Legislature has to sign off on. And so if we go out and purchase something, like we are under this bill, that does not fall under that requirement. I think what you're thinking about is when somebody wants to give us land and we need a resolution to do that, that is one thing. But in this area where if we have the money we can go purchase it, that is handled in this way. And I believe that's the answer to your question. If I'm incorrect, I will correct it later.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 329. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion to advance LB 329.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 329 advances. We'll go to LB 331.

CLERK: Mr. President, 331, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR MOORE: Once again, if you refer to the budget book, pages 169 through pages 178, if you page through there you will see that there are some differences, though not that significant, between the committee recommendation and the Governor's recommendation. This committee amendment simply makes the changes, and with adoption of the committee amendment we will move from the Governor's recommendation line to the committee's recommendation line. And, with that, I'd ask for adoption of the amendment.