

May 11, 1993

LB 321, 323

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 321.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 321 advances. Go to LB 543, LB 323, excuse me, 323.

CLERK: LB 323, Mr. President, introduced by the Appropriations Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, 323 is simply a corrective bill that corrects an inadvertent mistake during special session. I won't name the fiscal staff person who did that. He knows, that tall person expecting a child knows who he is, and so I won't go into that. But, simply, if you remember, originally the Legislature passed LB 760 that funded a variety of projects. Included in that was the addition to Copeland Hall in Kearney, and if you remember back then, originally in the request was both an addition and a renovation. In 760, the Legislature decided only to fund only the addition to Copeland Hall, the thought being through the addition to Copeland Hall, move people out of Copeland Hall into the addition, and then when money becomes available, we do the renovation. Well, that was the thought processes in 760, we passed that. Then LB 9, as you remember in the special session, we changed how we were going to fund that. Instead of doing it all up front, we'd fund it over a period of years. Well, when we made that change in LB 9 in the special session, we inadvertently went back to the renovation language instead of the addition language. And so since the project on schedule and the project to be funded was the addition and was going to be bonded with those cigarette tax revenues as we discussed in LB 9, bond counsel is of the opinion, since the renovation and addition are two different things, we need to change, go in and change the statute and correct that mistake, and change the word "renovation" to "addition." There is no additional monies. It simply allows us to do what we planned on doing to fund the addition to Copeland in Kearney through the cigarette tax revenues as we originally planned in 760, and then subsequently reenforced when we passed LB 9 in the special session.