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LB 840, 913, 941, 991, 1015, 1129, 1188, 1290
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SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is to advance LB 913 to E & R engrossing. Discussion? There is none, all in favor say aye. Opposed. It is advanced. LB 1188. You may read some items, yes, please do.

CLERK: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Amendments to be printed, I have amendments from Senators Hall and Will to LB 1354; Senator Chambers to LB 941; Senator Bohlke, McKenzie and Rasmussen to LB 1015; Senator Chambers to LB 991; Senator Chambers to LB 1129; Senator Withem to LB 1290. Mr. President, oops! (See pages 1158-62 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oops, is that another item for the record?

CLERK: That is a malfunctioning Clerk. Mr. President, LB 1188 is a bill on General File. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Urban Affairs Committee amendments pending. (See AM3354 on page 872 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chair recognizes the Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, what as the Speaker said is this amends LB 840, which was passed, which allows cities and villages to use local sales and property tax for economic develop...economic development programs after the vote of the people. The statute being amended defines...amends is Section 18-2709, which right now presently in the bill that cities with population of more than 2,500 are restricted to aiding businesses as defined in statutes. Cities and villages with less than 2,500 people can provide aid to any city. What the amendment does is it allows, this allows the cities after the vote of the people to expand into resales of goods, and we define what resale good is. It moves it from 2,500 up to 10,000 people to provide aid to the business engaged in retail, but no more than 40 percent of the revenue program could go to such businesses in any 12-month period, and no more than 20 percent of the total program revenue generated in any 5-year period after the start of the program could go into such business. And it also defines retail business as the sale of goods or commodities to utilize consumers for their own use or consumption and not for resale. So it is simply a help to some middle-size cities in the state deal with economic development.