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LB 991, 1160A, 1275A

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Seeing no discussion, Senator Elmer waives closing, the question is the advancement of LB 1160A to E & R initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 1160A to E & R initial.

SENATOR HALL: LB 1160A is advanced to E & R. Next bill on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1275A as introduced by Senator Withem would appropriate funds to carry out the provisions of LB 1275.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Withem, to open on the A bill.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is a bill I hope you advance today and advance one more time and then do not pass. This is a bill that will appropriate \$473,000 of General Fund money to the Department of Revenue for fiscal '94-95 and \$412,000 in '95-96. If LB 991 passes in its current form, however, the appropriation contained in LB 1257A will be zero. This is the money...LB 1275 among its other items spells out explicitly what the duties of the Department of Revenue are as it relates to local property assessment particularly in those areas where there are not enough sales to have a legitimate sales assessment ratio. If you recall the other day we did add an amendment to LB 991, this year's mainline Appropriations bill to include this money. My expectations are that that bill will pass and there will be no need for 1275 but on the other hand our rules do call for A bills and if something would happen that LB 991 would not pass or that that bill would be amended not to include this appropriation, we would need this level of appropriation in 1275A. It is my expectation we will not need to pass this bill but our rules that it does need to keep pace with it so I would urge you to advance this bill today.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Moore, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR MOORE: Well to reiterate what Senator Withem instead, already said and also to assure the body that they're not going to get the money twice. The fact is the way the bill is written