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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of LB 92A. As Senator Beutler explained, this is the fiscal note that goes along with this in or...to enable the money to be transferred from the General Fund to the Decommissioning Fund. There's no new money involved and it does pertain back to the registration fees on the well series that we have in statute, so I encourage your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 92A to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 92A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 92A advances. We next move to General File. LB 331.

CLERK: (LB) 331 by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 12, referred to Business and Labor, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill was brought to me by the Workers' Compensation Court and I introduced it on their behalf. It is certainly more than a cleanup, but it is in the general area of workers' compensation insurance and it has two or three aspects to it. Let me tell you about one of those aspects, and that's employers who don't have workers' comp insurance. We found years ago, when we did the 757 labor-management negotiation on changing workers' comp, that it was in the interest of both parties, labor and management, to have employers who were going bare and not carrying workers' comp to be discovered, found out, and made to carry insurance. For workers it's obvious, you want to have somebody there who can pay for the injury if you're