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 LR 22

because they think it's probably a good idea. As Senator Schrock indicated, production agriculture will in fact fund three-fourths of the amount of money needed to do a study of this, and the \$10,000 that I will file as an amendment to the mainline budget bill will be a state General Fund portion of the study. I think it is a question that's been raised. Five hundred thousand gallons, certainly, of petroleum-based oil is quite a lot. There may not be a problem, but I believe that it's something that we should look at, because there are better alternatives that do exist, and even better would be developed if the market should indicate that that's the way to go. With that, I would encourage the adoption of LR 22. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The question is the adoption of LR 22. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 22.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LR 22 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, A bill, LB 548A by Senator Don Pederson. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson, you're recognized to open on your bill.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, last Friday we passed LB 548 to the next round, and I mentioned at that time that there would have to be a modest A bill in connection with this. This A bill is primarily to authorize the expenditure of \$36,000 by Health and Human Services, finance and support from their cash fund, and a similar amount from federal funds by the agency. And primarily, this is start-up cost. If you will recall, what we said was that the administration of this program by the Health and Human Services will be funded from three percent charge from the amount of money being received by the schools. But during the first year, there will not be that initial cash flow, and this A bill is to authorize primarily the first year of operation until they can...until the