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General Funds. And I guess she can rest assured that the committee, at least as long as I'm here, will look at these things very carefully. We've been fairly frugal on all commissions, increasing their budgets, much to their chagrin. But I do think the visually-handicapped deserves an advocacy group as much as many of the others, not all, if I may say. But because there are no additional funds and should be more efficient use of the funds that we have, should be able to get more federal match dollars for this purpose, I'm going to support Senator Crosby's amendment which I think is critical to the bill, really, and I will be supporting the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Seeing no further lights, Senator Crosby, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'll waive closing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: She waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of Senator Crosby's amendment to the bill. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Crosby's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (AM2817, Legislative Journal pages 1144-1146.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this is a little bill. It was LB 1366 that came out of Education Committee (sic--Health and Human Services Committee) without a dissenting vote, and it essentially creates a digital voice newspaper...voice newspaper delivery system that enables visually-impaired people to have access to newspapers. And the bill, essentially, to give you the fiscal note on it to begin with, it's \$8,000 a year. It puts the...puts the state money together with about \$33,000 of federal money and for that this is what blind persons, visually-impaired persons in your