

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

March 24, 2000 LB 1328, 1349

those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1274.)  
45 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, 2 excused and not  
voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed with the emergency  
clause attached. Mr. Clerk, LB 1349.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to return the  
bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, you're recognized on your  
motion to return LB 1349.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I do this  
only to draw attention to the program we've had to try to  
maintain our buildings for years. This is a bill that was  
introduced by two very important members of our body and  
chairman of the committees on behalf of the Governor to take the  
two cents that was coming back into the system, that was used  
somewhere else and, rather than having it going into the LB 309  
process, to have that two cents go into information and  
technology. We discussed this at great length at the  
Appropriations Committee meeting. And I won't go into an awful  
lot of detail but, as other people have said on the floor, we  
have to have something in the record at this point in time as it  
applies to this process. Because, you see, at the present time  
there was 34 cents of cigarette tax going into a number of  
things. One was 21 cents to the General Fund, where this two  
cents should have come from but didn't; one cent to the Outdoor  
Recreation Development Cash Fund; three cents to Health and  
Human Services for finance support for cancer research, I  
understand; two cents now at the present time will go to  
information and technology; and we are still authorizing seven  
cents for LB 309 responsibilities. There is two cents that will  
become available again next year. LB 309 has access to five  
cents now. Why do we need this money? It's obvious, we still  
have hundreds of millions of dollars worth of responsibilities  
that are unfunded at the present time. You know that, I know  
that. And for years, up until the last four or five years,  
thanks to your support, the things have changed considerably.