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on the A bill.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I did briefly discuss that. That is an A bill of \$70,000. It is authorized by the study. It was not a state obligation. It will be...it will be...the revenue will be generated by the public power entities. There's also, I think, \$3,000 miscellaneous, and that's what the A bill is all about.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Heard the opening. Debate on the A bill? Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 901A. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 901A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 901A advances. Next move to LB 1008.

CLERK: LB 1008, by Senator Chambers, relates to criminal justice system. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I handed around this morning my Statement of Intent on this bill, attached to it a copy of a letter written to me by Gary Lacey. What this bill would do is provide an additional \$40,000 to carry out that study on the death penalty and the disparities that may exist. As I stated in my intent statement, this...there is a subcommittee under the Crime Commission which was appointed by the Attorney General. The chairperson of that subcommittee was Gary Lacey, who is the Lancaster County Attorney. They conducted hearings throughout the state and people on both sides of the death penalty issue seemed to be very pleased and some were even surprised at the objectivity, the thoroughness and the seriousness with which this subcommittee was working. Bids were let to get an individual or group to undertake this study. The low bid was \$180,000. The