

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

February 22, 2001 LB 191, 303A

body. There's a very small fiscal note, just to accommodate some of the expenses that might occur from the Roundtable. And I might add the State Department of Education and the Postsecondary Commission of Education are cooperating and working together. With that, I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close. Senator Stuhr waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 303A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 303A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 191, Mr. President. It's a bill by Senator Byars. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on LB 191.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I'd like to first give you a brief summary of...of what has preceded us coming to this point to ask the body for funding of the Statewide Trauma Systems Act. This body, beginning in 1994, first passed LB 1223, which called for the development of a statewide trauma plan. At that time, the Emergency Medical Services Program received a federal grant to begin the development of that trauma plan. The State Trauma Development Board, which has been sunsetted since, was created at that time. And in July of '96, the trauma plan was completed, published and presented to the Legislature. In June of '77 (sic--'97), the Statewide Trauma Systems Act, which was in the form of LB 626, was passed, which created the infrastructure for the trauma system. The bill at that time included an appropriation of \$200,000 per biennium for implementation of the system. In the summer of 1997, an ad hoc committee met to determine what would be the best method to pay for trauma and emergency medical