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confirmation report. (Legislative Journal pages 1146-1147.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The confirmation report is adopted. We next move to General File, appropriations bill, LB 692A. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** LB 692A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Jensen and Wehrbein. (Read title.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the A bill.

**SENATOR JENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 692A is the appropriation bill that follows LB 692 as advanced by the Legislature on March 14. As you recall, this is the underlying bill to provide funding from the tobacco settlement to Medicaid, intergovernmental trust funds that would take the Medicaid intergovernmental trust funds and also the tobacco settlement dollars into a trust fund. And you'll recall the distribution of those funds. This is following the General File bill and certainly we expect on the...as we go to Select File there will be an amendment that we'll bring forward on Select File. There may be others and so this may change. I just want to make mention that we received a letter from the Buffalo County Community Health Partners and you have on your desk a reply to that letter. Also at 1:30 this afternoon we'll meet in Senator Byars' office with Dr. Bennett to further explain the bill, and we'd be happy to do that with anyone, if anyone has any questions. Also if you have any questions, Senator Wehrbein and Senator Byars and I would be happy to respond to those. With that, I would just ask for advancement of the A bill to follow LB 692. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the opening. Debate? Seeing none, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question is the advancement of LB 692A. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 692A.