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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move the advancement of LB 671A to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the advancement of LB 671A to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, General File, appropriation bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 277A by Senator Redfield. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Redfield, you're recognized to open on the advancement of LB 277A.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. My apologies for not being here earlier. I came in from exec session and went downstairs to get my files and you had already begun, so my thank you to the Clerk for bringing this back up. This is the A bill that accompanies LB 277 that we passed yesterday and advanced to Select File. It was commonly called the marriage penalty. This is the A bill that would fund the changes for the forms which the Department of Revenue would have to do. It involves the software changes for electronic filing as well as paper file. The figure for fiscal year 2001-02 is \$28,992...or excuse me, \$267,585, and for 2002-03 it would be \$28,992. I would ask you to support this please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers, on the advancement of LB 277A.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to do anything on this A bill but I want to take the first opportunity I can to share with the body what I told Senator Redfield yesterday. I told her her original bill I supported. When the committee amendment was offered I didn't support it but I didn't speak against it, I didn't vote against it because the bill, in my opinion, needed the opportunity to have some movement, one way or the other. Since the bill did move and it has the committee amendment and the effect is to raise the taxes of one group to benefit another group, I cannot