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amendments become the bill. This, again, is the salaries.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 539.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. Next move to LB 540. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 540, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Introduced on January 11, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, this is LB 540, the legislative salaries. There are no amendments. The bill will be...bill is the bill and this pays ourselves, by constitutional declaration that this carries its own bill. I move...urge advancement.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the bill? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, in general, if money is appropriated for a program and that money is not spent, let's say the Governor would veto it out and we would override and put it back in and...but it could not be spent, what would happen to that money?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It ultimately would return to the General Fund.