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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we would spend...be spending no General Funds, either now or in the immediate future, for implementation of the program.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct. And I should mention that the \$2,200 fiscal note...I mentioned it once before but sometimes it doesn't hurt to repeat...this \$2,200 Cash Fund amount applies to both bills and is, for the most part, a one-time expenditure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Where, incidentally, is the prohibition on the expenditure of General Funds in LB 359?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Schimek, I have just a question or two I'd like to ask you, if I might.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: My question, Senator Schimek, and it's raised particularly by Section 1 of this bill in which you have the same section appears in LB 357. Why isn't this all one bill? Why are there three different bills?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I think that the Secretary of State's Office was concerned that one of these bills might be more controversial, one of...and I think it was the voter ID bill, if I'm not...or it's this one. Okay. And so the Secretary of State's Office recommended that we introduce it in three sections so that it would be easily broken down and discussed. It could have all been put into one big bill, Senator, and maybe the committee should have done that when they advanced it, but I think the committee felt that it would be good to leave it as it is.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. You mentioned this one would be the most controversial, and I assume that was because of the second issue