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LR 38

adoption of LR 38. Please vote aye or nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 38.

SPEAKER BROMM: LR 38 is adopted. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 38. Mr. Clerk, you have any other items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. A Reference report referring LR 39. Amendments to be printed: Senator Brashear to LB 355; Senator Raikes to LB 54; Senator Chambers to LB 273; Senator Chambers, LB 274. New A bills. (Read LB 452A, LB 559A, and LB 560A by title for the first time.) Government Committee reports LB 656 to General File. And I have a hearing notice from the Government Committee. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 685-687.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. At this time, the Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The yellow copy that's been passed out is on your desk, the preliminary report from the Appropriations Committee. I just wanted to call it to your attention. I will not go into very much detail on it. There will be a briefing tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, and one also at noon, for those of you, or your staff, that would like a lot more looking...information and explanation of it. I just simply wanted to say...I'm going to call your attention to probably just three or four pages. First of all, on page 4, shows a \$298 million gap, or nearly a \$300 million gap, so you're aware of that. And I will explain just a little bit of that before, but this is what we consider in our committee a bare minimum budget. So we didn't take into account revenue increases. We didn't take into account particularly what the Governor did. I'll show you, first of all, on page 2, real quickly, there's lots of detail, but if you want to compare rapidly to what the Governor did, there's a comment on the bottom of page 2 of the recommended budget, and