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CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, I recognize you to close on the advancement of LB 407.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Probably isn't necessary to say much more at this point. In this process, you take one step at a time. We've come through the committee amendments to the main bill, LB 407, which is our main appropriations bill. This will take us to General File...or, through General File, take us to Select File. I know there's some reservations and some discussions, and those are yet to come. But truthfully, this process is working like it's supposed to. I would urge you to help us keep it working like it's supposed to. We will get to a satisfactory solution, and we will end up with a balanced budget. And I have high hopes at this point that it will by June 1. I have no reason to doubt it. We have 17 days left. There's time to work out differences. We will find the solutions. And in spite of those that say we won't, I think we will. And this is that step. And I urge advancement of LB 407.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing. The question then is the advancement of LB 407 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted that wish to vote? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 407.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 407 does advance. We'll go to LB 403A. I'm sorry. LB 403.

CLERK: LB 403, Mr. President, a bill by Senator...by the Speaker, at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1307, Legislative Journal page 1419.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Wehrbein.