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LB 574, 622

Fund. So I ask your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: The question before us then is the adoption of AM2002 to LB 574. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. Senator Mossey.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 574E to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER BROMM: The motion is to advance LB 574E to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 574AE, Mr. Clerk. Members, we will pass over LB 574AE, in light of the action on LB 574E. Mr. Clerk, LB 622E.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 622. Senator Raikes would move to return LB 622 to Select File for specific amendment, AM1956. (Legislative Journal page 1896.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is an amendment that is offered jointly by myself and Senator Landis. We'd ask you to return this bill to Select File for the following specific amendment, or to accomplish these purposes. It would be a modification of the Municipal Equalization Fund program, a program now in place to provide state aid funds to cities. What the amendment would do is redirect part of the funds going to...now going to cities, through the MEF program, to the General Fund. In doing so, however, it's important to point out that the funding of the Municipal Equalization Fund formula would remain in place, and all promises in that regard made to cities would be honored. But also this would result in about a \$5 million positive impact on the bottom line for our biennial budget number. I don't want to spend a lot of time,