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SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Once again, this allows a city, as they work into the planning zone jurisdiction, to have the authority to extend storm water sewers as they do sanitary sewers now. I urge your support of the bill.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. The question before the body is, shall LB 234 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 234.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. I do have an announcement that the rolls that are being distributed on the floor this morning are to honor Senator Schimek's birthday today. (Applause) Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 516 is a bill by Senator Baker. (Read title.) Introduced on January 14, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. LB 516 allows the Public Service Commission to apply for or assist any political subdivision in applying for any federal or other funds available for 911 service or enhanced 911 service. As you well know, we're having considerable discussion about 911 service and availability, or lack thereof, across the state, both wire line and wireless. This allows the Public Service Commission to help out those political subdivisions in grant applications and so on. I would strongly encourage your support for LB 516. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Baker. The floor is now open for discussion. Senator Beutler, you're recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Baker, we had a short conversation about