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April 13, 2006 LB 385, 385A, 489, 489A, 821, 845, 845A, 874
924, 925, 940, 965, 965A, 1024, 1024A, 1039
1113, 1113A, 1175, 1227, 1248, 1248A, 1249
1256, 1256A

next item. Bills read earlier this afternoon have been presented to the Governor. (Re LB 1024 and LB 1024A.) (Legislative Journal page 1670.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, items, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read re LB 385, LB 385A, LB 489, LB 489A, LB 821, LB 845, LB 845A, LB 874, LB 924, LB 925, LB 940, LB 965, LB 1039, LB 1113, LB 1113A, LB 1175, LB 1227, LB 1248, LB 1249, LB 1256, and LB 1256A.) Other communications, Mr. President. (Read communications re LB 965A and LB 1248A.) (Legislative Journal pages 1670-1671.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson, would you like a point of personal privilege? If you do, you may have it.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Just to call your attention to the fact that I have had circulated among you a General Fund summary as of sine die 2006, as of today, and I would note for you that this assumes the passage of all pending A bills and no veto overrides as of the sixtieth day, so this is virtually hot off the press but not quite hot enough to take care of matters that we have discussed today. There are just a few items that I want to call your attention to, and you will be receiving later a complete rundown of the summary including the matters that we took care of today. But, just to call your attention to the fact that the increases in new General Fund appropriation in this budget is \$20.3 million over the two-year period. This equates to about a .4 percent increase over the original budget that was proposed. So, think in those terms. It was a .4 percent increase in what we had originally proposed as of last year. I would also call your attention to the fact that in A bills, that about 90 percent of the dollars involved in A bills is taken up in three bills. You will see those on page 1, and those three bills basically include the bill for instream appropriation for the ground water rights, the change of provision for the sex offender law, and the university and college capital construction proposal. So, if you will look over on page 3, you will also see what has been alluded to many times and that is