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LB 812

PRESIDENT: Okay. we'll back up.

CLERK: Senator Hannibal would move to reconsider the vote on final passage of 812 without the emergency clause attached.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Hannibal, you will speak first, but may I introduce some guests for just a little break here. Senator Wehrbein is happy to announce some guests that he has under the south balcony. We have Ralph and Vivian Wehrbein who are his parents. Would you folks please stand. And he also has Fred Wehrbein, his uncle, and Katherin Hild. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Hannibal, thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President. Sorry for the confusion. I thought the Clerk had the motion. The reason why I offer the motion for reconsideration is, obviously, because the bill carries the E clause. It is a definite...it is a deficit appropriation. If it passes with the E clause, it will become law as soon as the Governor signs it if she so chooses. Without the E clause, as all other bills, the enactment date becomes 90 days after the last day of session. The last day of session, I believe, is scheduled to be May 24th, so we go three months beyond that time and that puts us into August, I believe. It puts us past our current fiscal year. The programs that are in LB 812, some of those programs, notwithstanding the Pharmacy College, one of the major programs, as far as I'm concerned, is the renal aid for the Department of Health. The renal aid is part of the...and I'm ignorant about what renal aid is except that it is kidney dialysis aid whereby we reimburse or we pay for the funds for kidney dialysis patients. We pay for some of their medications. We pay for some of their treatment. And this program ran out of money. It is running out of money right now, and if we do not put this program in, this program will be out of money before the end of the fiscal year. We don't know for sure what that means. We believe that what it means is that we're going to have a serious problem with renal aid. Another area in the program deals with the Department of Motor Vehicles. We have asked that they be appropriated \$55,000 to be able to acquire some software and this is a cost avoidance for higher cost areas. They can implement a program that Senator Lamb, I think, would probably be more informed about than I, that will allow us to implement some software programs and handle some procedures in a very cost efficient way and save us some money in the long run. The...another...Section 10 of the bill deals