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CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 609 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 404.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, and the motion is approved and LB 404 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, pursuant to the Speaker's directive, return to regular General File, LB 264 was a bill introduced by Senators Schrock, Elmer, Beutler, Johnson, Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I will now recognize Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the legislative body. This is a real nice bill. It's an easy bill in that it mandates nothing, but it allows the NRDs to raise their per diem. It will allow them to increase their per diem from \$15 per meeting to \$50. It will allow their total salary or total per diem to be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year. Right now it's a problem because several board members are having trouble because they reach the \$1,000 before the season is over. The only increase that has taken place...there has been no increase since 1972 and like I said, it's a very nice bill and it should not be controversial. I so move.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. I'll now recognize Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Madam President, may I ask Senator Schrock a question? Senator Schrock, I understand that most of them are not compensated. I think in my own area they prefer not to take a per diem. However, all expenses, I believe, are covered for conferences, tours and so on and so forth. You're, I'm assuming, taking that into consideration since they don't have to pay per diem or in their compensation? In other words, when I go to a conference in California for a week, it does add up and that is in lieu of per diem, I think.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And your question is?