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LB 502, 647, 651-653, 760

more emergency natures. LB 647 is a scholarship program, a new scholarship program in state statute. LB 760 is the capital construction bill that has all the new capital construction, paid for from the cigarette tax. Now the next four issues are four bills that we will eventually ask for rule suspension to be introduced. First one is raising the commercial drivers license fee; next one is changing the teacher certification fee; third one is raising the CRR judges per diem; fourth one is a cash reserve transfer to make the books balance, so to speak. And then we move on to some other bills, LB 502, which is some personnel policies, and that's actually already on General File and actually came out of the Government Committee. We have LB 651 that changes the definition of encumbrance. LB 653, which changes the mileage reimbursement rate from 21 to 24, as bargained for in the state employee NAPE/AFSCME contract negotiations. Then we have LB 652 which will become known as the trailer bill. That is predominantly new items to the budget, expansion items to the budget. That is, in most instances where the debate will occur on things that people have questions on, what we should and should not fund, and will be the bill that will be debated probably the most in the weeks to come. And the last thing that we also have introduced is a legislative resolution, which is in reaction to the Supreme Court case dealing with Commonwealth, it's a resolution that is required to fulfill the court's judgment to pay the attorney fees for the lady in Omaha, of \$10,000. And so that, in its entirety, entails all the bills and Appropriations Committee recommendations.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Just for the, you know, for the body's information, I'm going to give you an idea of what my plans are, as Speaker, as to how we're going to handle the budget. I would right n..tentatively, I plan on...we will have the bills that are introduced today, that will give us a long weekend to all have a chance to look at these bills, to go over the details of the bills. We will have just regular session, next Tuesday and Wednesday when we come back. And then on Thursday we will be in regular session in the mornings, when we will continue to work on senator priority bills. Then starting on Thursday afternoon, we will begin with the budget process. And I...also that is one of the days, I think, on your memo that I sent out yesterday that we are planning on probably working late that night. I think it would be a good start for us to plod through as much of the budget as we can on that very first day. So those are my intentions. You