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LB 241, 647A, 760

SPEAKER BAACK: I have a number of lights on. I don't know if they're wishing to speak to the A bill or not. Senator Wesely. Senator Hall. Senator Robinson, to the A bill. Seeing no further discussion, we will vote on the advancement of LB 647A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 647A.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 647A advances. We'll now go to LB 760.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 760 was introduced by Senators Schmit and Moore. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Appropriations Committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, this is LB 760. And this is the bill that contains the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee as far as our recommendation of how some cigarette tax money should be spent in the next two bienniums. There were a variety of bills introduced on this measure, LB 647 was one of them. One of the more...LB 241, sponsored by a variety of senators, was a bill that would have spent money on a variety of projects in the University of Nebraska system. There were other bills introduced by Senator Conway that had some money spent in the state college system. LB 760 is the committee's recommendation, the consolidation of all these measures. And based on what we do, and people need to understand that right now there's 27 cents that...the cigarette tax in the State of Nebraska is 27 cents. Of that 27 cents, 16 cents goes directly into the General Fund. Out of the remaining 11 cents there's a variety of earmarks, 1 cent for the NORDA fund, which is the cigarette fund that funds things in the Game and Parks Department, there's a cent that goes for cancer research, there is 2 cents that goes for the municipal infrastructure, I forget the name of that bill which I never voted for, then the remaining cents go to a variety...presently, as we speak today, are earmarked for a variety of capital construction projects in the State of Nebraska. Those are projects which are now complete, and that cigarette tax money was earmarked and bonded against...and those bonds are being