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LB 760, 856

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on the advancement of LB 760? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now vote on the advancement of LB 760. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of LB 760. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 760.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 760 advances. We'll now go to LB 856.

CLERK: LB 856 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed its members. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on May 1st of this year, Mr. President, referred directly to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: This is LB 856, a bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee that raises the per diem for judges in the Commission of Industrial Relations. If you turn to page 58 in your budget book you will see the numbers. It will increase the judges per diem from the current \$180 per day to \$250 per day. The rationale for this is the people who serve on the commission are...obviously they are members of the bar and such. Their time is somewhat valuable and to continue the process of attracting qualified judges to sit here, it was the committee's desire to raise these per diems. So I'd simply for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the advancement of LB 856. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would preface my remarks by saying that I'm going to vote for the advancement of 856. My purpose for rising for a few short comments is to object to the process by which 856 came to this body. I would suggest to you that historically Workers Compensation Court, or CIR judges I mean, compensation issues have been introduced in bill form, have been referred to Business and Labor Committee, have had a public hearing and then the bill was introduced or presented to the body in the normal