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LB 167, 652, 783A, 829

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham has amendments to LB 783A to be printed; Senator Landis to LB 167; and Senator Warner to LB 829. (See pages 2387-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to LB 652.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to 652. E & R amendments, first of all, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 652.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 652. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is the North Omaha amendment that I had mentioned to you all earlier today. In the Governor's recommendation, \$1 million was to go to this program. It was created by LB 1241 last year and the purpose was to establish a loan fund to help start up businesses that would provide needed services in the community as well as to provide employment, give role models to youngsters in the form of businesses that could function successfully in the area. The bill was drafted in such a way that it defined a target area in terms of the amount of poverty, lack of opportunity, unemployment and other factors which are not being touched by current programs. When the bill went...when the Governor's recommendation went to the budget committee, they cut out all of the funds. Senator Ashford, as I mentioned earlier, managed to prevail on the committee to restore half those funds. When I talked to some of the committee members, they had indicated that since nobody from North Omaha had come down asking for this money, the feeling was that maybe it should not