

July 10, 1991

LB 2, 3

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. You have heard the motion to advance LB 2. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 2.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 2 is advanced. Proceed with LB 3.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 3 was introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on July 8, 1991, and referred directly to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, this LB 3 goes...members of the body may remember in the regular session when we amended LB 597 at that time to appropriate any potential cost, well, the cost in case a special election does occur. And if I could refer you to statute 49-237, it states very clearly in that statute, if the Legislature calls a special election, the state shall reimburse in full all costs incurred by local governments in operating that special election. And if you look at LB 3, the dollar amount we have placed in there is \$600,000, and that is, indeed, shall we say, an estimated guess. To give you an idea what costs money when you have a special election, the Secretary of State would be reimbursed for the sample ballot and postage to local governments, as well as some compilation of some data processing of the results. When you get the results of a special election, there is some computer time that the Secretary of State incurs there. Actually, that cost is only about \$500, but that is part of it. The largest cost that would be incurred by local governments would be paying the precinct workers their wage at \$4.25 an hour, and let's just assume that, you know, there is five workers per 2,000 precincts, you know, 14 hours each, particularly before and after. That is where a lion's share, that, in and of itself, if there is five workers per precinct for a minimum wage, that, in itself, would be \$600,000. Then the canvassing board, there is some workers there, and some hours in compilation of that. There is the election kits that have to go out to all the county governments that the county governments would have that would say vote here and what is being voted on that day. There would be sample ballot, absentee ballots, and ballot printing. That is