

was maybe a way to collect as much as eight or nine million a year additional fuel tax from prior to when we started all this. I don't know if we've reached that figure or not, but we certainly have reached a collection figure that would indicate...that would appear to be well in excess of at least five million. So I think it's significant that what we have done in order to keep taxes down, in a sense, by avoiding those who were not paying. The other thing, I had made some reference to in the other bills, but 182 also, the fact that it consolidates the motor fuel cash bond. I indicated this specifically is in this bill and then 182 as originally introduced but I indicated the reason and the need for doing that was that there was several hundred thousand dollars that had to be drawn on that fund because of diesel tax that is not paid. All these are combined now, gas, diesel, as well as propane and natural gas, which will give a better base to the state. When noncompliance for paying taxes does occur, we can have a recovery. I would be glad to respond to questions specifically if there are any.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. You've heard the opening on LB 182. Any discussion on the bill? Seeing none, Senator Warner, would you like to close? Senator Warner waives closing. The question is, shall LB 182 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 182.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 182 advances. We will go on to LB 288, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 288, Madam President, introduced by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year. At that time, it was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Warner, would you like to introduce the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, LB 288 was introduced by Senator Lynch, and made several adjustments, one of which the committee amendment would take out