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LB 889

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me say briefly in accepting this for the Natural Resources Committee that we have agreed to a challenge next year also on the condition that the level doesn't go any higher than fourth grade. It was tough.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. LB 889E.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, with respect to LB 889, Senator Chambers would move to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is not a motion which I intend to use to fight the bill or try to influence how anybody is going to vote on it. I want to ask Senator Wehrbein a couple of questions if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if we authorize the expenditures by way of this deficit appropriation, that just takes care of the remainder of this fiscal year, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: At the beginning next fiscal year we're going to be confronted, are we not, with the same sit...and this is not against the bill but to find out what the intents of the Appropriations Committee are as reflected in the existing proposals they have placed before us. Will we be faced with the same situation if an amount equivalent to this is not put in the mainline budget for this purpose?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We intend to look at this very carefully during the summer and fall study. The next year's authority is 3.1 million roughly, exactly the same as it is this year without the deficit increase. So you know you might call it flat for