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LB 391

SENATOR CROSBY: Any discussion on LB 391? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Madam President, would Senator Wehrbein respond to a question, please?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wehrbein, and I didn't punch my light quickly enough on the committee amendments. What I'm referencing is the amended version of 391. On page 2, line 7, Section 16, Agency 33, wildlife lands acquisitions and improvements, which is a Cash Fund program I understand. Do you have any information you could share with us what the amount of money is that Game and Parks has in the wildlife lands acquisition program? I see that they're authorized to spend a million dollars each year to acquire and improve real property for habitat land. The reason I ask this, while you're looking, is that in my district, in several different parts I'm beginning to sense a substantial amount of public resentment over the amount and the placement of what we currently know as the wildlife habitat areas, but the land is purchased under this program. And we have no cap on it in law that I'm aware of, over the amount...the number of acres or whatever, other than the dollar cap. And I was curious as to how much money, if that's available, if not we can get it answered on Select File, that the Game and Parks Commission has going into this fund each year from the habitat stamp and whatever other sources of revenue may go into it. Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Coordsen, I would take a minute to find that if you...I was looking at the...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I can wait until Select File, too.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, I can give you that number, we've had it, I can't give it to you off the top of my head.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you. I'll just wait and we may carry this discussion on in a little more detail, a little further on down the process.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If you want more detail on where this specific money is going it's on page 160,...