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LB 241, 281

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 2004-05 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 yeas, 19 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are not adopted. I raise the call. Any further amendments? The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein to open on the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There really isn't anything left in the bill at this point, so I would suggest...I guess I'll put up a motion to bracket in case we have a need for a bill in a little time. Can I have a unanimous consent to bracket until...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, do you want to bracket it to a date certain or...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Just bracket it. If...I think I can do that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is ordered. We turn now to LB 241.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 241, introduced by Senator Bohlke at the request of the Governor, signed by a number of members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, you want to explain your bill? I've got your amendment to it. What's your preference?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I will explain a little bit, then turn it over to Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President, members. LB 241 was a bill that does change provisions for the distribution of state aid to community colleges and it changes that aid to those courses, those colleges offering what we call heavy technology courses. It also mirrors a recommendation of an interim study that was conducted by the Education and the Appropriations Committee. There's been concern voiced over the years that the vocational programs which require expenditures, large expenditures may be experiencing some loss in favor of those less capital intensive offerings. And so this is an attempt to recognize certainly from a number of people, business included,