

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hudkins, to open on LB 256A.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I think we've pretty much discussed everything that needs to be discussed on this bill, so I will waive opening.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, just briefly, I will support this. I am not clear as to whether we all understand the potential cost in this, and much of what...I agree with what Senator Hudkins said about surprises to the county, and I realize their predicament. I just want to be sure that we don't shift that burden to the state and not know that we, too, can be surprised by those amounts. This may not be as large to us as it is to counties, in some cases, such as 40,000. On the other hand, I think we need to have a good understanding of what this potentially will do, and I will commit to that for Select File, as we...if we pass this one. My guess is that the pink sheet, the A bill, is not probably as much as it should be, so that we can have a broader understanding of what the impacts will be statewide. And so I will be doing some looking into that. I am sure Senator Hudkins will be, too, so that we will have a much more clearer picture of where this could be leading us, and it can take its place along side I hope many other bills that will do something for property tax relief.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hudkins, there are no further lights on. Do you have a closing? Closing is waived. The question is the advancement of LB 256A. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 256A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is advanced. Now, Mr. Clerk, you may read some items.

CLERK: Mr. President, Reference Report referring LB 1390 to the Revenue Committee, as well as certain gubernatorial appointees to various committees for confirmation hearing. Priority bill designation by Senator Preister, who has selected LB 1150. Hearing notices from the Agriculture, Revenue, Banking,