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LB 922, 1138A

the amount of, in the Cash Fund, was...is approximate at this point 792,692 in '96-97. and then another, in the future, 396,346. That approximates a 1.1 million that I indicated to you. There is some money in the Cash Fund also from that fund to carry out this function in terms of the work involved to do this. And that is what constitutes 1138A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body is advancing LB 1138A. There are no further lights on. Senator Wehrbein, would you care to close? The closing is waived. The question is, shall LB 1138A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1138A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill advances. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 922, by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. A couple of years ago we created a series of mediation centers around the state. They've been working very well, thank you very much. At the time, we allowed the mediation centers and our Office of Dispute Resolution to raise money through grants, fees for training, sales of manuals, and the like. What we didn't do was to create a mechanism to hold the money. So, largely because of the hard work of Kathleen Severens in the Office of Dispute Resolution, we've been going out and doing mediation trainings, charging some money, but we have no place to put the money by law, we have no cash fund. There are about \$10,000 sitting in the accounts of the mediation center in Kearney that are really monies that belong to the Office of Dispute Resolution here in the State Capitol. But since we don't have a cash fund, they're languishing out there in that particular mediation center. This bill creates a cash fund for the Office of Dispute Resolution. And then there's an A bill, and the A bill allows us to transfer \$10,000 into the fund. Not spend money from the fund, but into the fund, because