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LB 256, 299, 1114

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam President and members. A few days ago this body voted in support of LB 299 and LB 1114. As you well are aware, one was a spending lid and one was a levy lid. Senator Maurstad, in his discussions concerning override attempts on the previous bill, talked about an equal partnership. Well, LB 256 is that equal partnership. The state and the counties will share equally in those costs. The current method is an unfunded mandate to the county. The Governor has said that he would like to look at all areas of government, have meetings and discussions concerning unfunded mandates and to eliminate and reduce those where possible. This is your chance and thank you to Senator Elmer for his comments because he's correct. We have imposed upon the counties a spending lid and a levy lid. They have no control over what these costs are going to be, yet they're going to have to live within their limit to pay for them. Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about the revenue forecasts and the three percent minimum. I won't go into that because it didn't do him a lot of good, but this is some way that we can help the local governments, maybe not a lot but it's a little help. We want government to be more efficient. This is one way we can show where we are willing to support their efficiency. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. The question before the body is the motion to override. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Madam President, I would like everyone to check in, a roll call vote then in...a call of the house, a roll call vote in regular order.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Question before you is a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Will senators please check in. Senator Fisher, Senator Coordsen, Senator Bromm, Senator Jones, Senator Cudaback, Senator Pedersen, Senator Schrock, Senator Crosby, Senator Preister, and Senator Will. Senator Pedersen, Senator Preister, Senator Schrock. We're waiting for Senator Pedersen. Senator Hudkins, we're unable to find Senator