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SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on advancement? Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 465.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think that I will close with that. I did want to make one correction. I said 1.8 million was held over. Actually, it's 1.1 million was held over from 1997-98 bills and additional for '98-99 is 3.1, for a total of 4.2, which is correct, but I wanted to make that clarification. I urge advancement of the bills in order that these...this bill in order that these claims can be paid timely...with timeliness, I should say. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The question before the body is the advancement of LB 465 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 465.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 465 advances. LB 846.

CLERK: (LB) 846 by Senator Brown. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on LB 846.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, last year we passed legislation that would allow for buy outs of employee...state employees. It's a management tool that is used for restructuring and downsizing government in a way that still protects the rights of employees, their vested rights. Because our constitution says that the state cannot provide a gratuity, the language that allows for a buy out must be very carefully constructed. We constructed the language which talked about an actuarial analysis. The Attorney General's Office interpreted that language to mean that there would be an actuarial analysis on each individual buy out. That was too costly. It was cost