provisions of LB 142. That's the best guess that I can make, Mr. President, and hope that the body will support $14,000 for the Department of Motor Vehicles, which does not involve expenditure for permanent or temporary salaries or per diems. It must be computers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion on the advancement of LB 142A. Senator Wickersham, are you here to close? Senator Wickersham waives closing. All those in favor of the advancement of 142A vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of 142A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 495.

CLERK: (LB) 495 by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on LB 495.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. It is the intent of LB 495, the Education Career Preparation Act, to allocate funds specifically for the improvement of secondary vocational technical educational programs, activities and equipment. Our world is changing. Technology continues to play a significant role in our lives and schools need to adapt to these changes. Preparing students for the future is becoming increasingly difficult for schools. Educational and training needs are changing for employees and expectations of employers are higher today than in the past. Quality career preparation programs cannot exist unless the programs are continually updated, teachers are provided with training to keep their skills current, and the curriculum is continually revised to include the latest technology. Many of the vocational technical programs are being cut because of budget crunches due to levy limits and the high cost of these programs. And I do want to emphasize that fact that these