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advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 480 is advanced. The call is raised.
Mr. Clerk, LB 480A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 480A was introduced on
March 30th of last year. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, to
open on LB 480A.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the
body. I would urge the advancement of this A bill. It may
change with...it will change with the adoption of the amendment.
It will go down, actually. But the fiscal note, as revised, of
December 22nd talks about \$121,000 to \$124,000 expenditure for
the year 2000-2001. And, as I mentioned, we, in the amendment,
took out all but one, the executive director of this program, so
that will...that will go down. So, with that, I would simply
ask for advancement.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Discussion on
the advancement of LB 480A? Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of
the body. We're being asked to vote for an appropriations bill
of \$220,000 when we know, through Senator Schimek's information,
that that is not correct, and I think that it is very poor
policy to vote for more money than we know is going to be spent.
It is possible, I think, to determine what the proper amount
would be and I don't think that this thing should go forward
unless we know what the...the actual appropriation should be.
It should not take more than a few phone calls by Senator
Schimek to know what the proper amount is. I hear in this
Chamber that \$100,000 is just picayune, it's nothing, it's a
bagatelle, and, having had to labor for what little I have, I
think it's quite a bit of money. Now, it may only be some
infinitesimal part of the budget, but it's still money exacted
from the taxpayers of the state. It is not state money; it is
taxpayers' money. If this bill goes forward, fine, but let it
go forward for the amount of money that is needed to be spent in
this manner and put a cap on it. Thank you.