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cash funds, and it does not include any new General Fund appropriation with respect to the creation of this separate Commission for the Blind. It will now also incorporate the news line for the blind, and that will be in the amendment. As previously mentioned, there's a slight General Fund impact of approximately \$8,000 for FY 2000-2001, and \$6,500 for 2002. The remainder of this news line will be covered by federal funds. And the...LB 352A has the emergency clause because the plan is to begin on the first day of the new fiscal year, on July 1, 2000, and that explains the A bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. The amendment was brought to us by the Fiscal Office in order to mirror the changes made to this bill on General File, because they correspond to the changes made on General File, specifically to reflect Senator Beutler's bill, LB 1366, a statewide digital voice newspaper delivery system for the blind. Most of the changes in this amendment are increases in federal funds for the following exceptions: \$8,258 increase in General Funds for 2001, and \$6,597 for 2002, for the voice newspaper. The other change also requested by the Fiscal Office shows a slight increase in expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries. This is for the half-time position Rehabilitation Assistant to administer the news line, contract and monitor the system, as well as to advertise and recruit persons for user certification, and to coordinate the system with the operator and the users. The cost for the half-time position will be \$20,051 in the first year, and \$16,743 in 2001-2002. Federal funds will pay for 80 percent of this cost. That's the amendment. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. We are open for discussion on the AM2931 to LB 352A. Seeing no discussion, Senator Crosby, did you wish to close?

SENATOR CROSBY: I waive closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is, shall AM2931 be adopted to LB 352A? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.