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vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1304.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, two items for the record. Hearing notice from the Transportation Committee; and an amendment by Senator Raikes to LB 1213. (Legislative Journal pages 1464-1465.)

Mr. President, the next bill is LB 26, offered by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7 of last year, at that time referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM1984, Legislative Journal page 564.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lynch, recognized to open on LB 26.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. Mr. Chairman and members, a simple bill. It provides some money to the school districts so kids can have breakfast, can't put it any simpler or honestly than that. Originally, in the green copy, when the bill was written it provided 5 cents for breakfast, but also an additional 5 cents for lunches that they already provide. The A bill to do that was about \$1,800,000, and I know that's difficult. We discussed this with the people concerned with this legislation, I'll wait until they get through...with this legislation and the A bill now is \$233,550. You might say to yourself, why should we do this? To be completely frank, in a lot of our school districts there are single parents, mostly women, some who have to work for a living, obviously, and they have to go to work at 7:00 in the morning, or 6:30 in the morning, in some cases they can get a breakfast for their kids, in some cases they can't. But in too many cases the kids either don't get a breakfast as they should or resulting from that is all the problems that go along without a full nutrition program for a kid that has to use up all that energy while he's in school; and the way to start it off and the way for it to work is to have them get that nice big bowl of oatmeal or a decent breakfast in the morning. This aid