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cut in funding, a proposed ten percent cut in funding this biennium, and last year took a 7.8 percent. So there isn't an emergency, but it is very important that we start addressing this increase. Also, any increase that the commission might suggest has to have a public hearing. So there's an opportunity for people to come forth and express their views and concerns on the issue. And they do not just increase the fees, unless it is necessary to provide some extra services in these areas. We have two amendments that I just would like to remind you that we are changing the implementation date to July 4, 2004, and reducing the cap by one-half. With that, I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. The question is the advancement of LB 306 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 306.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The bill is advanced. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 242, LB 245, LB 40, LB 69, LB 83, and LB 92 are all reported to Select File, some of those bills having Enrollment and Review amendments attached. I also have hearing notices from the Revenue Committee, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 333-335.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 122, introduced by Senator Schrock and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to Natural Resources. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair would recognize Senator Schrock for the opening.