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morning, Senator Erdman offers LB 54A. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BROMM Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, LB 54A is the appropriations bill that goes along with LB 54 currently on Select File. It's actually an increase in federal funds to the state if LB 54 would pass. Therefore, we need the A bill to accompany that change in funding source. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Any discussion? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Erdman? Waives closing. The question before us is the advancement of LB 54A. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 54A.

SPEAKER BROMM: Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 234A, Mr. President, by Senator Maxwell. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 234 is the bill that would consolidate review of fraud and allegations of fraud in food stamp, ADC, and child-care subsidies. Right now, the food stamp allegation can be reviewed administratively, but ADC and child-care fraud allegations must be pursued in criminal proceedings. So the bill would decriminalize the other two investigations and there is, in the long run, a negligible positive fiscal impact. This is the A bill to make the necessary changes in the administrative procedures, and I'd simply urge you to advance it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Any discussion? Seeing none, do you wish to...waives closing. The question then is the advancement of LB 234A. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.