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March 11, 2003      LB 72, 72A, 688  
                         LR 41

SPEAKER BROMM:    Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Just a short review. LB 72A is a bill that catches up with LB 72, that provides a checkoff for the funds from the income tax filing that goes to the State Fair. This bill, LB 72A, would appropriate \$51,070 from the General Fund, in the FY 2003 and 2004, to the Department of Revenue. The department would use the appropriation to modify the income tax filing form so taxpayers could designate that portion of their refund to be contributed to the Nebraska State Fair. LB 72A also directs that the first \$51,070 in donation deposited in the State Fair Cash Fund be transferred to the General Fund to defray the costs of implementing the checkoff program authorized in LB 72. In essence, this provision effectively repays the General Funds for the funds appropriated in LB 72A. And basically that's what the bill does. It will repay the money that's used in order to get the program underway, because there had to be some money to do that. But this would in fact return all the money back to the General Fund. With that, I'd ask for the support of LB 72A, to catch up with LB 72.

SPEAKER BROMM:    Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any discussion on LB 72A? Seeing none, Senator Vrtiska, do you wish to close? He indicates that he waives closing. Members, the question is the advancement of LB 72A. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK:            25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 72A.

SPEAKER BROMM:    LB 72A does advance. Next item, Mr. Clerk. Members, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 41. LB 688, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:            Mr. President, LB 688, a bill by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22 of this year, at that time referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was considered