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Operations Center, that is another bill at another time that does involve another source of funding. So on the construction side, I wanted you to understand that. It has nothing to do with this bill at this time, but there is another construction project that will be funded differently that you will have a separate action on either later today or tomorrow. With that, I would urge advancement of this bill, this construction bill, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 406. The question before the body is, shall LB 406 advance? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 406 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      36 ayes,    0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 406.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: LB 407, a bill introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Appropriations Committee. There are committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1111, Legislative Journal page 1425.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on the advancement of LB 407.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is the mainline bill. This appropriates money for the government's expenses of the state of Nebraska for the next two years. There was a briefing yesterday and I am not sure how much more detail to go into. I'm sure there are questions. I'm just going to simply reiterate a little bit on what's on page 1. Page 1, at the bottom of the page, I dwelled on that yesterday, but I think it is an excellent thumbnail perspective, if you will, of our budget. Fifty-one percent covers education, K-12 aid and our higher ed, which means University of Nebraska, state