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April 30, 2003 LB 796, 804

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 804, by Senator...introduced by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on February 28, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, to open on LB 804.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. LB 796 provides that the amount appropriated for school breakfasts may be prorated if the appropriation is less than the amount required by current law. The requirements...required reimbursement is currently 5 cents per school breakfast served.

SPEAKER BROMM: Excuse me, I'm sorry, Senator Wehrbein. We're going to go to LB 804, the recreational trails coordinator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Excuse me, I skipped one.

SPEAKER BROMM: That's okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yep. LB 804. Current statute makes the appointment of a state recreational trails coordinator mandatory. LB 804 amends this section to allow, but not require, the appointment of a state recreational trails coordinator. This is a \$49,757 issue that currently is in state law in statute, that is currently vacant but should be filled. This is the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee to make this a "may." That way, if there's other funding besides General Funds that they could fill this position, they could do so, but are not required to do so. And that's the reason for this bill, to...actually simply makes the bill from "shall" to "may," and potentially saves us almost \$50,000.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening. Is there any discussion on LB 804? Mr. Clerk, are there any amendments?

CLERK: I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Vrtiska.