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LB 46

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The motion is adopted. The Chair would now recognize Senator Brashear to open on AM1651.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, we would simply insert the operative date of July 1, 2003. And I'd ask that that be done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, may I ask Senator Brashear a couple questions?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Brashear, I support LB 46, and you know that. But I do have some questions that I'd like to raise. Is there any other amendments going to be on this besides this amendment?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Not on LB 46, no.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you. Well, I just wanted to recognize the fact that we're raising an enormous amount of money in this bill, \$3 million first year, \$5 million the second year. There's no A bill on it, because it's not going to be General Fund, it's going to be cash funded. And as it's my understanding, if I remember right, that the programs are yet to be developed in this area that we're going to be talking about. Is that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is correct, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah. Is there...that amount of money, starting now July 1, being collected, how soon will a lot of that money be...practically be able to be spent?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The money is going to be...first of all, we're establishing the council. The council is going to