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LB 283, 759

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1703-1704.) 29 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. I'll raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to AM1745 is by Senator Brashear, AM1784. (Legislative Journal page 1704.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear, to open on AM1784.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. AM1784 is part of our approach to allowing revenue concepts upon which we have heretofore agreed to go forward in multiple packages, and also to be made a part of LB 759 as a single vehicle for addressing our budget issues. As you know, LB 283 was designed as the emergency clause vehicle by Senator Landis and your Revenue Committee. Whether or not that bill will accomplish that goal, meaning the emergency clause enactment, is yet to be seen. But adding the provisions of LB 283 to LB 759 without the emergency clause will allow us to utilize the single-plan concept, at least at this stage of our deliberation. And it will have all of the elements for a plan for the people and to be presented to the Governor. The alcoholic beverage tax increase is already in LB 759. And it's also in LB 283. On General File, we added an estate tax provision and a deferral of the child care tax credit to LB 283. AM1784 will add those provisions to LB 759 as well. And this will add these concepts upon which we have, at least to this point in time, agreed, and make them into a package. That concludes the introduction of AM1754, and I urge your consideration and adoption of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Any discussion on AM1784? Seeing none, you're recognized to close, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, you've heard the presentation. Thank you. I would ask for your enactment of the amendment.