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situation. But we take \$100,000 out of the General Fund and then we repay that money from natural gas companies. So the first part of this is that \$100,000 from the General Fund to be repaid. The second amount is \$744,000, which is authorized, and this would be from the commission's Regulation Fund. Remember, this money comes from natural gas companies paying for one of two sets of services--either the baseline services, or, in the case of a rate case, it would come directly out of the ratepayers of that area when that investor-owned company came to the Public Service Commission in hopes of a rate increase. What we've done with this number is we've collapsed both sources--the quarterly assessments, to simply have the people in place at the PSC, and assuming that there would be a rate case. And one of the reasons is Aquila has filed for a rate case and we expect one. So for that reason, you'll find a number of \$744,000 from the Public Service Commission Regulation Fund. This amount is agreed to. There is no controversy. It comes from natural gas ratepayers by way of their investor-owned companies. It allows the program to start up. I would ask for the adoption of AM2085. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Landis, do you wish to close on AM2080 (sic)? Senator Landis waives closing. The question is adoption of AM2085 to LB 790 (sic). All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Landis' amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The amendment is adopted. Any other items on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Seeing none, Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 790A to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You've heard the motion. All in favor of