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 LR 11, 190

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they've examined and engrossed LB 65, LB 439, LB 572, and find the same correctly engrossed. Senator Janssen, an amendment to LB 622; Senator Brashear to LR 11CA. And a new resolution, LR 190, by Senator Erdman. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2048-2052.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now return to Select File, special order. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, when the Legislature recessed, LB 283 was pending. At that time, Senator Beutler had offered AM2086 as an amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 2039.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We now continue debate on the Beutler amendment, AM2086 to LB 283. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LANDIS: Did you want to go back to Senator Beutler to have him remind us where we were, Senator Cudaback? Sometimes you do that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: If you wish to, Senator Beutler. You may take a minute or two, if you care to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just to remind the body where we were. This is one of two amendments that will be proposed on this topic. We're talking about the use of the federal funds that are now available to us. And the particular amendment in front of you suggests, in slightly oversimplified form, but suggests that instead of putting all of the \$108 million into the Cash Reserve Fund, that we would put \$40 million into the Cash Reserve Fund, and put the remainder, \$58 million, back into economic stimulus programs, i.e., restoring funding to K-12, the university, the state colleges, and the community colleges in the same proportion and in the same amounts as we took funds away from those institutions through the \$30 million amendment of a couple of weeks ago. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Now for