

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 23, 2004 LB 485

happened. So I would like to just close and say I do support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Janssen, would you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I note on the fiscal note that the impact on political subdivisions, a revenue increase of approximately \$800,000, would be an increase to the school fund by an additional \$399,000, almost \$400,000.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Was that part of the intent behind the bill, was to enhance the local political subdivisions,...

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, no...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...and school boards, and so forth?

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...no, Senator, it was not. The main thrust behind it was to get rid of so many licenses, and while we were in that process, they hadn't been touched since 1935, most of them, and we thought it was time; that something you bought in '35, 1935, certainly is worth more (sic) than what it would be today. And the most common one, a Class C license, was only raised, I think, \$50 and that is probably the one that is sold the most in the state. So it's not that large of an increase on that particular license.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So the underlying intent of the bill is not to increase funds to local political subdivisions and schools. Would...now I had a bill in your committee as well to prorate liquor license renewals and issuances. And to back up, currently there is no prorating of a liquor license. In other words, you pay a flat fee regardless of how many months you are