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SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm going to find it shortly, but go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all that I would have, Mr. President, on the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Schimek. Seeing no other lights, Senator Schimek, you are recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. As I mentioned to you earlier, this was LB 74. It increases lobbying fees. I think it's justifiable. They haven't...they haven't changed in a long time. The thing I didn't say to you, but I kind of alluded to it in my opening remarks, is that the committee amendment also made that change about how office expenses are reported by lobbyists and principals and, with the amendment, extraordinary office expenses directly related to lobbying are required to be reported. So, with that, Mr. President, I would simply urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Okay, you've heard the closing on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 242. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR KREMER: We're open for discussion on the advancement of LB 242 as amended. Senator Smith, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have another question for Senator Schimek, if she's available.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.