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bill is to establish that revolving fund, so that the Capitol Administrator, who is Bob Ripley, with the approval of the Capitol Commission, can enter into agreements to provide additional facility-related maintenance, renovation, and operation services requested by agencies that are housed in the Capitol. These charges would be collected from the agencies and placed into a Capitol Commission Revolving Fund, rather than the DAS Building Division fund. Second provision of this bill designates the Speaker of the Legislature as Vice Chair of the Nebraska Capitol Commission. And this provision becomes more necessary because occasionally the Chair of the commission, the Governor, is not able to attend. And this just simply designates the Speaker to fill that capacity. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I would simply ask for the advancement of LB 684.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 684. Is there a discussion from the floor? Seeing none, Senator Schimek? Senator Schimek waives closing. We'll now move to LB 684 for advancement. I ask, please, those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 684.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: LB 684 does advance. (Visitors introduced.) Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 684A, by Senator Schimek. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on LB 684A.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This...the fiscal note on this, I believe, is about \$15,000 to set up this fund. And it would actually be...oh, excuse me. We changed that--\$25,000 from the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund for 2005 and '06, and \$25,000 from the Revolving Fund for 2006 and '07. And no expenditures for permanent or temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated from this section. And this is an estimate that was arrived at with the help of the Capitol Administrator and the Fiscal Office. So,