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FLOOR DEBATE

April 25, 2005 LB 40
 LR 8

pages 1280-1281.) 1 aye, 42 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The floor amendment is not adopted. Members, we will now proceed to vote on LR 8CA by Senator Schrock. The question is to advance or not to advance to E & R Initial. All those in favor signify by voting aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 8CA.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: The measure is advanced. The call of the house is raised. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill this morning, LB 40, introduced by Senator Redfield. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, at that time referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0387, Legislative Journal page 505.)

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Senator Redfield, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 40 is a simple bill. It amends Section 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327. It deals with the documentary stamp tax which currently is \$1.75. Under this bill, if it's accepted, it would then be \$2.25. This is a 50-cent increase in the documentary stamp tax and a little history is in order. Last year in revising our entire structure of delivery for services to those with severe mental illness, we had LB 1083. Within that there was a bill incorporated by amendment, committee amendment, which I had introduced last year which allowed the rental assistance for those with severe mental illness to be included as one of the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. As a result of that, \$2 million a year were taken out of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for other purposes and diverted to provide housing for those who had this need. We have certainly looked at the need of people who are in the regional centers.