

Let the county boards in those counties take care of their responsibility that they were elected to handle. I will take care of my own little balliwick as long as the people see fit to give me that responsibility and I will allow those other representatives of the people to take care of theirs.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have run out of things to say, Mr. President, so I will just sit down.

PRESIDENT: You all have because we have consumed fifteen minutes now. We go to LB 209. Then we go to 159, is that right?

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a motion on LB 159 to bracket it until January 11th, 1978, unanimous consent. Signed Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered and the Speaker advises me that 226 is passed over. We go to LB 349.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 349 introduced by the Retirement Systems Committee. Read title. There are committee amendments by Senator Hasebroock's Retirement Committee.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE PRESIDING

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We are on LB 349. We are looking for the Vice Chairman of the Retirement Committee since Senator Hasebroock is not present. Who, from the Retirement Committee, can handle LB 349? Let's pass it by. Senator Goodrich, would you want to handle that? It is LB 349. Retirement Committee bill. The option of school employees to join the fund. There are committee amendments.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the purpose of LB 349 is to open up another opportunity for noncertified teachers or employees of a school system to reenter a retirement plan. Once before we did this. When we passed the original legislation, we give them X amount of time to enroll in a retirement plan. There was a bunch of them that chose not to at that time. All this does is open that statute again and gives them a short period of time in which to come on in or forever hold your peace.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Now you are speaking, now you are moving the amendments, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right. There are some committee amendments that set out the time of 120 days in which they have to enter the plan. The balance of the committee amendments are just corrective. I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion has been made to adopt the committee amendments to LB 349. Do you have any further explanation of the committee amendments, Senator Goodrich. All right. Speaking to the committee amendments, Senator Murphy, did