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LB 325

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Wesely and Vard Johnson would move to return 325 to Select File for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Senator Wesely, before you begin, may I introduce some guests. In the north balcony, as guests of Senator Chizek, we have 27 fourth graders from Pennington Elementary School in Bennington, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand. I guess you are just coming in, aren't you? Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I will do it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Oh, Senator Vard Johnson, all right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a number of persons have come up to me already this morning and asked me if I would kindly withdraw this kill motion for a variety of reasons, none of which I want to go into, but LB 325 has been a hotly contested bill during its entire movement in the Nebraska Legislature, and I read in the Omaha World Herald, I guess Sunday, that our Governor spoke to the assembled members of the Nebraska State Education Association and told them this weekend that if LB 325 was advanced by us that he would sign it, that he would sign it, and because he said that, I knew in my mind that I would have to get up one more time and make the arguments and offer the kill motion because we are the last checkpoint, so to speak, on the passage of this bill, and I want you to understand that feature of this bill that I stand in objection to, and I want you to know what it now does because the bill has been changed during the course of our deliberations. You remember when we first talked about the Rule of 90, do you remember that? That is not in the bill. There is no more Rule of 90 in this bill. It is all gone. Do you remember when we talked about the Omaha school system's early retirement program which allows Omaha school employees to retire early at age 62 and take a 3 percent reduction in their benefits from age 62 through age 65? That is not in this bill. This bill goes further than that. This bill allows any member of the State Retirement System, that is the School Retirement System, to retire as early as age 60, not age 62 like Omaha school teachers, but age 60. That is in this bill. Remember how we

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