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going to have to put a commitment to education and we're going to have to put a commitment to say that if the future of our state truly lies in our youth, then let us put that commitment not by words, but by deeds and this is one small step towards that direction. I hope we do not support the kill motion by Senator Johnson and that LB 160 moves speedily on its way. And I would yield any rest of my time...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I have to Senator Marsh if she still wishes to take it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired, thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to make some corrections in the remarks that were made by Senator Vard Johnson. His first remarks were that they retire after 30 years of service. That is incorrect. It is 35 years of service, Senator Johnson, not 30. Senator Johnson said it's going to cost the state some money. There is a correction there, this does not cost the state a dime the way this bill is written and in the bill. Senator Johnson said, and has said on this floor, that his committee studied the issue, wrestled with the issue and his committee should be upheld as they know the issue. Well, Senator Johnson, the Retirement Committee has been wrestling with this issue for two years and it came out of the committee, Senator Johnson, unopposed, every member voting for it. In fact, when the bill was heard, there was no opposition to the bill, none whatsoever. Now Senator Johnson made some remarks about the fiscal note, that you can never understand the fiscal notes from the Retirement Committee. Well, Senator Johnson, I would have to say the same thing about the fiscal note on 775, nobody understood that one either. So in closing I would say, and ask you to vote against the kill motion, vote against any other amendments that Senator Johnson is going to put up to hassle this bill, and then when it comes time to advance the bill, to advance it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, I'll call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett moves the previous question.