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LB 165, 1170

Service Annuity Fund, Contingent Fund and Annuity Reserve Fund, which are all part of the school retirement plan, into one fund called the School Retirement Fund. Each of the funds would become accounts and their integrity would not be jeopardized. So it's changing it from funds to accounts is what it does, Madam President. I ask for advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: We're speaking on the advancement of LB 1170. Senator Haberman, there are no lights, would you like to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Advance the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Haberman asks for the advancement of LB 1170. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 1170 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 165.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 165 was introduced by Senator Baack. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9th, was referred to the Education Committee. They report the bill back to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Baack, on the advancement of LB 165.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Madam Chairman and members, what LB 165 does is it requires that school districts appoint surrogate parents for the...to deal with the...to represent the rights of handicapped children. The word "surrogate" I know got misinterpreted. Last year, I had people coming to me that they were thinking we were talking about the surrogate that most people think about when they use that word. But this is a terminology that's used within the Department of Education and with federal rules and regs dealing with handicapped children. What it does is it establishes some criteria for the appointment and termination of surrogate parents. These surrogate parents would only be there to represent handicapped children who are, let's see, they are either wards of the state or their parents cannot be identified or cannot be found. Those are the only cases that the school would appoint surrogate parents. The surrogate parents would serve as advocates for these children and they would be the ones that would establish the IEPs or the