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LB 855, 1041
LR 438

LR 438 by Senator Hall. (Read explanation of LR 438. See pages 2178-80 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have an Education Committee confirmation report. That's offered by Senator Withem as Chair. (See page 2180 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have an override motion on specific item, the Governor's line-item veto of LB 1041. (See page 2180 of the Legislative Journal.)

That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, please. This is about the 14th.

SENATOR HIGGINS: This is number 12, is it not, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Number 13.

PRESIDENT: Shall we split on 13?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thirteenth? Okay.

PRESIDENT: Thirteen it is.

SENATOR HIGGINS: For the benefit of those of you who have forgotten from earlier this morning, now this amendment says instead of letting the insurance companies pay this special assessment for three years, at least move it up to eight years. But to get on with the story of the company that pays. "But Mutual of Omaha--'The People Who Pay'--decided, without making a full investigation, that the disability was the result not of accident but of illness", and, remember, in the policy you can only collect for three months if it's illness, and they called the illness "osteo-arthritis". "Accordingly, his payments soon ceased. When he complained, an adjuster came to his home, accused him of faking, and offered him a small settlement to surrender his policy." Lord, if they thought he was faking, why would they offer him any kind of a settlement? "When plaintiff expressed his concern regarding the need for money during the