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proceed with the roll call? We'll wait until the senators arrive.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: All members are now present in the Chamber. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 395-96 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 140 does not advance. The call is raised. We will now go to LB 107.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 107 was a bill introduced by Senator Horgan. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to Retirement Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, do you want to offer your amendment or do you want to defer on that for a moment?

SENATOR HORGAN: I would defer.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 107 is largely a technical correction bill and is offered on behalf of the Omaha Public School District. Last year I offered a bill, LB 1001, which dealt with the retirement system of the Omaha Public Schools, and there was a problem in the drafting of LB 1001 and LB 107 attempts to correct that problem. The cost of living provisions in LB 107 are corrected to make them internally consistent with the rest of LB 1001 from last year. The language in LB 1001 did not properly harmonize the intended inclusive date so that retirees who received their first payment in October would be included in the cost of living adjustment that was provided in the bill of last year. It was the original intent of LB 1001 that the persons who retired one year ago would receive a 3 percent cost of living adjustment, those who retired two years would receive a 6 percent increase, and three years and beyond would receive a 9 percent increase. The Omaha Public School system has members who retire either in July or September. A ten-month employee retires on July 1, a 12-month employee retires on September 1. And, although they retire in the same year, that difference in date was the problem in the legislation from last year. Those folks who retired one year