

interrupt me. So I will let him interrupt me. Senator Wickersham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly, if I might. The Clerk has just announced that an amendment to LB 833 is on file. It is a rather large amendment. You will be receiving from my office in interoffice mail, a copy of that amendment. It is a technical amendment for the Retirement Systems. I, and my staff, will be available to you next week if you have questions about that amendment. We do anticipate having meetings with interested people on Tuesday and I've asked the Speaker to bring it up on consent calendar on Friday. But it is very detailed and very technical. If you have any questions about that amendment, please contact us.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We will now...we will now go to Select File. It is my understanding that, at this point, the list in front of you is the list of consent calendar bills that there have been none at this point that have been removed from consent calendar. LB 941.

CLERK: Mr. President, 941 was considered on March 11th. Senator Bromm had an amendment pending. Senator, AM3691 was your amendment that I believe you'd offered on the 11th. It's found on page 1127 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Colleagues, the amendment that the Clerk has just referred to, on page 1127, 1128 of the Journal, does a couple of things. It clarifies that the utility that's making the loan cannot have any ownership interest in supplying the energy conserving device that is acquired with the particular loan. And I think that's...that was the intent of the law before, but this certainly clarifies that, and I think that's important. Secondly, the original bill asked for 30,000 limitation on the loan. After discussions with those parties who were interested, and the senators that asked questions last time, and the banks, we have...we have an amendment which reduces that loan limitation to 15,000. And, once again, if the loan is over 10,000 it will involve participation with the bank. I think there are sound reasons for doing that in terms of being able to administer loans and, I think, it will be really an enticement for banks and utilities to work together in making more energy loans than we have in the