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SENATOR BROWN: ...perform better in those circumstances, in those circumstances where they have the most qualified experienced teachers. I mean there is some good data on that, so we could have that discussion but I'm really talking more about of purely numbers, from a purely numbers standpoint and a little bit more objectively about what...how these numbers are driving some aspects of our system that do affect the cost and the state's cost if we are being asked then to, in a General Fund sense, address teacher shortage.

SENATOR STUHR: All I can say, Senator Brown, is that those numbers...that bill was only passed last session and we simply don't have those numbers available to us at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized for discussion on the advancement of LB 674.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to run over some numbers with you as far as employees in each plan, just to give you some background information. The schools, right now, have 55,000 active, inactive and retired employees in their plan; judges, 337 active, inactive and retirees; state patrol, 631. So just to put this in perspective, we're looking at the largest, by far, far the largest number in the school retirement plan that seems to be very adequately funded at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, thank you, and I'd like to rise and I wanted to talk about the National Ag Week, the 14th through the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Are you requesting a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, point of privilege, yes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You are so recognized.