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or not, and I think they are satisfied with the amendment that we put on it today. I think the majority of meetings will still be instate, but it does give these entities a little bit more flexibility. So, with that, I would just ask for your vote to advance this to Select File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 250. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on advancement of LB 250 to E & R Initial, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill is advanced. LB 186.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 186 is a bill introduced by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) The bill was read first time on January 4th, was referred to the Nebraska Retirement Systems, and I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0022, Legislative Journal page 448.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB 186 makes some changes to our county retirement provisions. Existing law requires each qualified county employee and official to contribute 4 percent of his or her salary to the retirement system. As the employer, the county contributes 6 percent of the employee's salary. County boards in counties with a population over 150,000 are authorized to establish their own retirement plans. Douglas and Lancaster County fit into that category. LB 186 proposes to increase the county employee contribution rate to 4.5 percent, and to increase the employer match to 6.75 percent. Current law requires counties with a population over 85,000 that participate in the state-administered retirement system to fund a supplemental retirement program for certified law officers. Presently, officers in these counties have an additional 2 percent of their salary contributed to a supplement retirement program. LB 186 would authorize certified law enforcement officers in counties not affected by the present law to