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March 9, 2001 LB 177, 346A

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 346A passes. LB 177.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (AM0752, Legislative Journal page 970.)

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Sometimes these simple bills aren't quite so simple. Let me kind of refresh your memory on LB 177. It was a bill that would eliminate from statutes references to the Douglas County Treasurer acting as the ex-officio treasurer for the Metropolitan Utilities District. The language is obsolete, and the Douglas County Treasurer no longer serves as the treasurer for MUD and hasn't for quite a few years. The bill originally deleted unnecessary language and it eliminated duplication of duties. Both the Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Treasurer supported the original bill. After we advanced LB 177 from General File, there were a couple more references discovered in there that related to the county treasurer acting as the ex-officio treasurer, so we deleted those references within the Douglas County Treasurer. Had an objection to one of the paragraphs that we deleted and so we're just going to add that back in. So if you look at your bill, the final copy bill, we're adding back in the paragraph that says, "Such county shall receive as full compensation for the collection and disbursement of the funds of the metropolitan utilities district an amount equal to one percent of all money collected by the county treasurer". So we are just basically reinstating language that we inadvertently deleted on Select File. And I would ask for your yes vote to return this from Final Reading.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Patrick Bourne a question, if I may.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne.