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becomes even more important that we have a system in place that encourages professionals to remain in support positions of the Legislature, to have some "assurity" of a defined process. Not everyone has to stay, of course, but it is important that we do not discourage longtime employment in the offices of the 49 members, or however member there are. So while at this point in time I may, just in the spirit of rebellion, join with Senator Chambers in voting against striking the enacting clause, it is something that...the issue of retirement for the employees of our council, is an extremely important issue, perhaps second to wage benefits, which we're...we will have in place, ready to start on July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. And all will be more well informed on the contents of that at that time. But this is a close second, I think for most people, is retirement. I don't know whether...whether health benefits are second or retirement is second, but they're pretty close to salary. So it's something we need to keep mentioning from time to time, and keep ourselves abreast of and aware of, because we're going to be called upon to make decisions, certainly in the not too distant future, in this area. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close. Senator Wehrbein waives closing. Question is the motion to strike the enacting clause to LB 541A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is agreed to. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Redistricting reports LB 851 to General File with committee amendments attached. LR 110 is a study resolution introduced by Senator Coordsen; that will be referred to the board. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1867-1868.)