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SENATOR BRUNING: ...this is beyond my depth.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I was expecting Senator Wickersham to make some comments on the bill that he introduced and we included in the bill, which was LB 1027. And I...I think it was important that we took some action, which was in regard to a break in service, which we now have for a period of 180 days or 6 months. This is really an IRS requirement. And we were having a situation where there were some school administrators, very few we must admit, but there were some who were signing a special contract volunteering their time and then resuming their work as a full-time administrator. This will make it very clear, because we were concerned about putting the entire system in jeopardy. And we wanted to make sure that there was a break in service which, as we said, the IRS really does demand. So that...that was a part of the bill that we included. And, again, I thank Senator Wickersham for bringing this issue to the committee and to the entire body. With that, I...I think there were...there were just a couple of other things on the state employment, employees retirement system. Changing that continuous service from 24 years...or 24 months to 12 months was also another important issue. And Nebraska counties changing the age from 24 years of age and 12 months of service to 20 years, which will enable...we don't know exactly how many people that will actually involve on the state level, probably close to 100 people. So, with that, I do support the bill and hope that the body will continue to do so. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Janssen, on the advancement of LB 407.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bruning, if I could ask you a question, would you respond?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Bruning?