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LB 500

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to return LB 500 to Select File for specific amendment, AM1278. (Legislative Journal page 1515.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair would recognize Senator Smith to open on his motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As you may recall, LB 500 is the bill that would adopt the County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act. We elaborated earlier that it basically adopts a new class of training, so to speak, for the superintendents across the state. It has no negative fiscal impact, but it creates this new tier and still offers the incentive payments for counties to hire those with the training. The amendment, AM1278, is very technical in nature. It basically tightens up the whole bill relating to compensation of the members, that it will be limited to expense reimbursement. There are some other operative date issues that are contained in the amendment. But basically it's technical in nature. Certainly if anyone has any questions, I would be willing to try to answer those. But with that, I would urge the motion...or, urge you to support the motion to return to Select File for the adoption of AM1278. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the motion to return to Select File for specific amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam...Mr. Chair and members of the body. I would like to direct a couple of questions to Senator Smith on this proposed amendment. Would he respond?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: On this amendment, you had stated that there