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CLERK: (Roll call vote.) 19 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: 19 ayes, 15 nays?

CLERK: Yes sir.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is adopted. All right, another amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wiitala would now move to amend the committee amendments. (Read Wiitala amendment.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, colleagues, the stricken language that is addressed by my amendment to the committee amendments refers to a bill that we passed last year, LB 427, which took into account a small injustice of small economic scale relating to teachers that are asked to serve by the State Board of Education to serve on advisory boards, advisory boards that are a vital part of the accreditation procedures when it comes to sitting in judgment on the different state colleges and university. In the past, school districts had to pick up the economic loss when a teacher left the classroom or the teacher his or herself. Basically, what my bill did was to have the State Department of Education reimburse those school districts when those personnel left the classroom. It seemed fair, it seemed just, it seemed to be the equitable thing to do. Now I understand Senator Warner's arguments, at least I think I do, about an attack on the per diem pay and that may be a program that is phased out. But, I am appealing to you that there is a higher principle at stake, that any time any of the state agencies mandate, especially when it comes to the State Department of Education, mandates certain requirements to the local school system that they pick up the cost, just as they have done in the past. I feel they should do so in this respect also. Otherwise there may be a reluctance on the school systems to allow their personnel to leave the classroom, especially when you consider things like the lid limitations and so forth. Colleagues, I would hope that you would see fit in supporting my amendment to put back the needed language into this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just to explain the logic the committee used or the majority of the committee, first the amount would be small for an