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LB 933

return by Senator Koch. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Koch, if I might, have you distributed copies of this proposal to the membership?

SENATOR KOCH: Each member has a copy on their desk distributed this morning.

CLERK: Okay. In that case, Mr. President, if the members will refer to the document they have on their desk, the first motion will be to return LB 933 to Select File for a specific amendment, and that amendment would be Section 1 of that proposal which encompasses basically pages 1, 2 and a good portion of page 3.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch, and Section 1 is the first one to return. Go ahead, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, isn't it appropriate then first of all to return 933 to Select File for the specific amendment which deals with schools buses and vans and inspection procedures? I feel it is imperative that we assure parents that the buses and vans that are used in transporting students are appropriately inspected so that they can have some assurance that those vehicles are receiving inspections as we have suggested in the past.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion now on the motion to return for Section 1? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, it might surprise the body to know that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Education Committee are on the same side of an issue for a change. It also might surprise you to know that Senator Koch and I are on the same side on this issue as it relates to vehicle inspection. But the amendment that Senator Koch is offering is one that was part of a bill that the Education Committee introduced and what it does very simply is clarify the responsibility as to school bus inspections. It does not cause any more or new inspection programs and, of course, from my perspective that is a real big plus. What it does do is cause the chief administrators or the...of the school districts to certify to the State Board of Education that the inspections, the 80-day inspections by a certified mechanic has, in fact, been done. That is the main purpose of the amendment that Senator Koch is offering, and I urge this body's adoption of Senator Koch's motion to return this bill for this specific amendment.