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LB 183A

Mr. President. (See page 1299 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: To Select File, Mr. Clerk, senator priority bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 183A, I have amendments pending to the bill by Senators Withem, Bernard-Stevens and Baack. (Withem, et al amendment appears on page 1299 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, will you handle them, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I will. LB...the committee amendments to LB 183 basically do two things, they first of all reduce the A bill to reflect the various amendments put on 183. Originally the A bill was drafted to...assuming that 183 was going to go into effect immediately and assuming the state department would be spending some money on appeals, that obviously isn't going to be happening, so that money is not needed. Another fund...another fee was going to be used to administer the pool, state money pool that was going to be collected to pay for it. Again, there is a Select File amendment to delete that, so we're saving considerable money with the A bill. We are also, I should point out, with this amendment appropriating \$25,000 to the Legislative Council to carry out the study that Senator Schellpeper's bill requires the Education Committee to make. It's felt that this needs to be a genuine study, we do need to get out into the state where there will be some expenses. We may be bringing in some people that have had experience with a choice bill in other states. So we feel that that is worthwhile. But even with appropriating that additional money, this is about a \$40,000 reduction in the overall expenses of LB 183. I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Withem amendment? If not, the question is the adoption of the amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Withem amendment. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.