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LB 312, 611

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 312 is the bill that continues the School Finance Review Commission into a second year. Since I filed this amendment, this commission has gained maybe some additional pressure on it to deliver a quality product. If you remember on LB 611, Senator Moore's bill, we are committing ourselves to a change in the way we finance public education in our state and it is I think the intent of the supporters of LB 611 that the School Finance Review Commission, while we're not giving them a blank check, we are certainly saying that they are probably the most respected, at least, group in the state now working on this problem. The way LB 312 is currently written, the Commission expires in June and this bill would not go into effect until the end of August, so there'd be a two and a half month dead time when the Commission would not be operating until the bill went into effect reauthorizing it. What the amendment to 312 does, very simply, is it adds the E clause. Would appreciate your adoption of this amendment. If you have any questions, I'll answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any questions? Any discussion on a motion to return the bill? If not, those in favor of its return vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is returned. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would move the adoption of the amendment which simply adds the E clause.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any questions? Any discussion? If not, those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Select File amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Chairman Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Move to readvance.