

four of those. I'll speak on LB 247A and explain why I am withdrawing it. This is the bill that appropriated \$250,000 for our study of higher education. The Governor, in her message, indicated that she felt that the study aspect of LB 247 was the strongest aspect of it. Expressed some concerns about signing the portion just bringing Kearney in prior to the study, but indicated the study was the most important aspect of it. Yet, she vetoed \$100,000 out. The rationale, as I understand it, was that we might have had a great deal of dollars or a great deal of data already collected on higher education; it may not take the full \$150,000. I tend to disagree, but because of the fact that the study is broken up into two phases over two years, the \$150,000 figure is certainly enough to get us through the phase one level and we have the opportunity to come back the next year and there probably is no point in appropriating more dollars than we actually need. And so, although my guess...my mind tells me we might need to override this, my heart's really not in the override at this point so I'm going to withdraw this motion. I'm also going to use this opportunity to speak on the other bill that I was going...that I'm going to withdraw the motion on. LB 277 and LB 277A were bills that were advanced from General File through Select File early, early in the session and they sat on Final Reading because of the A bill. It's a bill designed to allow Civil Service annuitants the option of having their income, state income tax, deducted from their pension checks. Many other federal retirees have this option. Those who worked under the office of Personnel Management do not. I wish I would have known that there were some concerns about this bill earlier because I had some ideas of how we could do things differently. I didn't hear about those and I guess that's really nobody's fault. The bill didn't come to the Governor's attention until the last couple of days. Have been given some assurances that we can at least visit about what those concerns are and see if there's some things we can do to help these 30,000 or so Nebraskans out there so that they can have their Social Security...their state income tax withheld. So I will be withdrawing that motion with the understanding that we'll be working on this issue over the summer. LB 250A is a \$5,000 A bill associated with LB 250 and I will not be running my motion on that. However, the next motion I will be running is on LB 250 and I will be very serious about running that motion because, as Senator Schimek will tell you in a few minutes, that is a bill that really does need to be passed this session. So, with that, I withdraw my motion on LB 247A.