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LB 1090

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend. (The Withem amendment is found on page 1349 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, this is an amendment to do...to make the bill do what I explained it did on General File. In a question from Senator Hall, I incorrectly interpreted the bill to him. I gave him what was my understanding at that time but, in reading the bill, it did not turn out doing what I said it would do. This amends a section of the bill on page 27, which deals with the bill that was passed last year dealing with competency in multicultural training, understanding the differences in culture of students who may come with...coming from minority cultures, a bill that we did pass last year. One thing that we didn't do as we usually do is we didn't do a grandfather clause so we have had some people who have come into our state from other areas of the state...of the nation that have been trained that may not have this certification on their teaching certificate. The bill, I thought, was introduced for the purpose of allowing those individuals two years to make up their...to make up for their training. The way the bill is currently written, it would apply to anybody whether they got their training in the State of Nebraska or outside. This amendment clarifies what I thought was the original intent to deal with...to give those people who come in from other states, haven't had the multicultural training that we are prescribing in the laws, allow the department to give them a two-year temporary certificate while they do get the training. This way it would not impact on anybody that's graduating from a Nebraska institution that, at least according to our statutes now, are supposed to be providing this type of training for their educators. So, with that, I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Withem amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: The Withem amendment is adopted.