

that and hope, hope you will override the veto.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall LB 1043 become law notwithstanding the gubernatorial veto? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2054 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the override of LB 1043.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The veto of LB 1043 is overridden.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move that LB 834 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body, it pleases me to say that this does not cost any money. This is a bill that is equity and fairness. It keeps young people in Nebraska and it goes like this. For a young person to join the state retirement system, they have to be 25-years old before they can voluntarily join the system. So that means someone out of high school can learn to run tractors and trucks, want to go work for the state, and he has to wait two years. If somebody goes to voc-tech school and learns a trade, mechanics, bookkeeping, computer work, and they are 20-years old and they want to go to work for the State of Nebraska, they have to wait until they are 25. I don't think that is fair. Now during 1988, there was \$998,000 of forfeitures from state employees who were terminated before they were vested. During 1989, there was \$765,000 forfeited. The forfeited money goes back into the General Fund and, therefore, the estimated fiscal impact of \$160,000 will be and is covered by the forfeiture. The way the system works, PERB takes their operating money out of forfeitures. What money is left over goes to the General Fund. It is true that each of the agencies would still need to contribute more if an employee chooses to participate in the system, but the overall General Fund will not be hurt because there is still plenty of money of forfeitures each year to cover the additional cost. ERISA, the federal government, has ruled that all businesses must allow 19-year olds to join the retirement system if they so wish at 19 and not at 25. In the State of Nebraska, if you are a county employee, you may voluntarily join the system and there is no age limit. A school