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LB 719, 829

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I am here, ready to respond.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay. Well, I guess my problem with this is that if this amendment is adopted to this bill, then there will not be as much emphasis on passing LB 719 and getting to that bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: There are 22 amendments on 719, this is one of them. So there will be one twenty-second less of a need to get to LB 719.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. That's my problem. You see, LB 719 is essential for many of us and I think the Department of Education would agree. And if we're going to take one amendment off of that bill and put it on this bill, then there will be certain people who will not be as interested in getting LB 719 up on the agenda and voted on today. It's a very important bill, not only for this amendment but for the bill itself. I would hope that the other amendments would go away so that the bill could be considered today and I guess, for that reason, I'm going to vote against this amendment because I want to emphasize how important it is to the schools of the state to have LB 719 up on the agenda and advanced today.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. Members, again I rise in support of adoption of the amendment. I think it's the second time this amendment has been here on some bill in the last two years. It is not my intent to forever delay this process and I would hope that the folks that understand the implementation of this is going to eventually take place take heed because I don't know that I will sponsor another amendment to delay it. It is an issue that needs to be addressed in the very near future. It makes sense to adopt the amendment, put it off at present, but I hope we don't make this an annual event and I guarantee you that I won't be offering it down the road. But, with that, I would urge adoption of the amendment. It is absolutely necessary for this year.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Moore.