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LB 511, 718, 719, 1194, 1238

now proceed to Item 7 on the agenda on Select File, and LB 719.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 719, the Enrollment and Review amendments were adopted last June 4, I should say June 4 of 1991. There are amendments by Senator Lamb to the bill that were adopted. The first amendment I have this morning is by Senator Lamb. Senator, I have a note, I have AM3690 with a note that you wish to withdraw this one, Senator.

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Lamb. Senator, it is AM3762.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This...you know we are getting down toward the end of the session, you know what happens. This is a bill that we had on Select File, LB 718. Last year it was a school bill, and then we turned it into a scenic river bill, so we could do great things for the schools on LB 511, which I originally had, and so now I have, on your desks you will find a sheet, explains what I am doing. I am putting an amendment on this bill and I will ask that the rules be suspended, and the amendment, as I note in the letter on your desk, does three things, three things regarding schools. Number one, it extends the state aid hold harmless provision for two additional years. Now this is LB 1238, which was advanced from Education Committee on an eight to nothing vote. So it is a very simple amendment. It just extends, this part of the amendment extends the hold harmless for two more years so that this whole state aid proposal can be reevaluated, and if any changes are needed in the state aid formula, these schools will not be negatively affected before that time. Number two, the second part of the amendment provides that in order to change boundaries, Class I and Class II districts need only the approval of 65 percent of each school board. The current additional requirement of approval of 65 percent of the voters is eliminated. Now this is LB 1194, which was advanced from the Education Committee on a five to zero vote with three members absent. So you can see these two provisions are consent calendar material, hopefully. Anyway, that is what that does. It has to do with the problem up in some of the Sandhill areas