

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: The committee amendments are not adopted. Senator Horgan, do you wish to open on the bill to...we go to the amendments?

SENATOR HORGAN: You can go to the amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Oh, yes, Mr. President, there are. I have amendments, first of all, by Senator Baack. Senator, AM3526.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, the amendment I am proposing to you is actually LB 41 which I introduced a year ago too and it was referred to the Retirement Committee. They held a hearing on the bill. It's actually...it was actually LB 632, I think, two years before that. So it's been introduced a couple of different times. And what this bill...what this amendment would do, it would allow a person who had already signed a contract to serve as a school employee, and this is part of the key is he had already signed...he or she had already signed a contract to serve as a school employee, when they were drafted into the service they would be credited...they would be allowed to be credited for the time served in the armed forces, and...when they are determining their benefits that they get from the school retirement plan. And the reason that I'm doing this, there's only, as far as we know right now, there's only five that qualify in the State of Nebraska that actually had signed contracts and would now be qualified to be part...to use those years in the school retirement program as they retired. And the reason that I am doing this is these...these people were kind of caught in the middle of the system. They didn't actually serve as a teacher before they left for the service but they actually...but they didn't get the benefits of the GI bill either after...when they got out because they did not actually serve as a teacher before but they had signed their contracts when they were drafted into the service. And, as far as I know, there is five of these people in the state that would qualify. My amendment does have some buy-back provisions in it but my understanding is Senator Nelson is going to have an