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LB 245, 511, 719

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try to be brief because I think maybe we've had almost enough discussion about this. But just to continue, very briefly, if you remember 719 was originally the education bill last year. We took the provisions out of 719 and put them in 511. That process was called into question by the Supreme Court, reasoning that the bill had not been before the body for five days. I was concerned enough about that opinion and the language in the opinion to ask Senator Withem if we could not amend the provisions of 511, from last year, on to 245. I'm grateful that he agreed to do so, because whether or not you like 511 from last year, many people have made decisions based on 511. LB 511 contained many provisions that were good and essential. And, in my opinion, we simply could not risk any potential constitutional challenges to that piece of legislation. So, hopefully, by reenacting it this year we have cleared up all of those problems and, if for no other reason, I believe that 245 deserves your vote.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker, I have been interested in the comments that have been made here and my interest has been heightened by those comments. And in order that I not miss anything, and being not as fast as some of you, would you...I'd like to ask the Clerk to read this bill slowly and distinctly, and loudly and clearly so that I don't miss anything. And I will promise to remain in my seat during the entire time. (Laughter.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, I think he has been reading as distinctly as he can, up to this point. (Laughter.) So, I think we're out of luck.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...can get and I missed a couple words the last bill, so I wanted to make sure.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, members of the body, for indulging me here. I would...would have hoped, if there would have been