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CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on LB 19.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this bill would add one judge, one juvenile judge to the juvenile court in Douglas County. It's a very good bill. If you have any questions, I'll answer them and I hope you will vote to advance it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There's an amendment to the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend. (Withem amendment appears on page 481 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, this is an amendment I probably will talk to and then withdraw based on how the conversation goes here, but...and maybe file again or maybe not depending upon what we learn here this morning. But someways I saw this bill coming out of committee and now on the agenda, I felt like one of those people in one of those old western movies where they had been on a train that was moving down the tracks and some dastardly individual unhitched the train where all of the cars on the train kind of come to a rolling halt while the engine proceeds on down the track into the station. Let me explain that. Last year this Legislature put together a package of judicial issues, an additional judge for, and, Senator Crosby, I forget if it was a district court or a county court in Lancaster, district court judge in Lancaster, I think a county judge in Douglas, separate juvenile judge in Douglas. Sarpy County had another district judge and had a separate juvenile judge for Sarpy County. Those were all tied together. Unfortunately continuing with the train analogy, a rather heavy load was put on the train with the judges' pay raise issue. They went chugging into the station over in the Governor's office and the Governor vetoed the whole package. A lot of those needs, whatever your view is on the pay raise