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LB 418, 613

SENATOR VRTISKA: Please record your presence. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

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CLERK: Madam President, the committee amendments were offered this morning. Senator Withem had moved to amend with AM1819. The Legislature was discussing that amendment when they recessed. That amendment is now pending.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Janssen, your light is on to speak to the Withem amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, you know as we were discussing this bill, 613, all of a sudden I got to thinking, you know something isn't quite balancing out here. Just a few minutes ago we passed, on General File, LB 418 which put another mandate on entities and I just...why are we...you know how can we turn right around and say we're going to cut you back again and then apply something new to it? So you just think about that a little bit. You can't have one without the other. You just can't have one without the other so I would expect that any of the members who voted for 418 would certainly vote for Senator Withem's amendment. That's about all I had to say. You know, and I think to keep that growth rate from happening, we can't be adding something on to the top end all the time which we do right along and then say you've got to cut back. Until we can remove some of the restrictions we put on them how in the world can we sit and tell government entities, I know, I know the cost is going up, but every time we add more fuel to the fire it just gets worse. So I would ask you to just think it over a little bit before you cast your ballot. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Robinson would like to announce that there are 76 fourth graders and three sponsors here from Arbor Park Middle School in Blair, Nebraska. They are all in the north balcony with representatives of Senator Schellpeper's district, 24 seventh and eighth graders and their sponsor from West Catholic School