

SPEAKER WITHEM: ..refreshing my own memory up here. We are now then debating the motion to advance LB 700 to E & R Initial. Senator Wickersham, there are no lights on. Do you wish to close?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Only to note once again for the members that the amendment we've been discussing is now the bill and would ask you for your continued support for advancement.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LB 700 be advanced to E & R Initial? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 700.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 700 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record. LB 847.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 847, a bill originally introduced by Senator Wickersham at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19 of last year, at that time referred to Retirement Systems, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Senator. (AM0867. See page 359 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham for the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments would, like the previous effort, become the bill, except for an amendment which we'll ask you to consider after adoption of the committee amendments. We're not going to style that as an amendment to the committee amendments. LB 847 is a bill which does not directly address in many respects benefits that are paid under the systems and here we're going to be talking about all five of the systems. (LB) 847 is more of an administrative bill, if you will. We're correcting problems that we have seen in the systems and we're presenting choices to be made which will hopefully address difficulties. We are also, in part, once again addressing recommendations from the consultants who assisted us in the two-year study of the retirement systems. And I neglected to note in the discussion of the previous bill, as Senator Crosby had, that that study of