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we're going to have a discussion about 700 itself, we ought to clarify a couple of things. One, the transfer of the HELP monies to the retirement isn't over \$7 million, is not over \$7 million, it's under \$7 million. It's about \$6.9 million. Now that may not sound like a big inaccuracy, but it is, I think, an indication that we need to be careful when we're discussing these issues. The notion that the changes that are being made by LB 700 are forever has been raised. That is not accurate. That is not accurate. It is possible to change retirement systems. LB 700 will change the retirement system. There are other bills that you will consider this session, I hope, that will also change the retirement systems. It is possible to change retirement systems. The other perhaps slip of the tongue that I heard was that LB 700 had something to do with state employees. Well, it does have to do with two categories of state employees, it has to do with judges and it has to do with members of the State Patrol, but of course, school teachers are not state employees. There are a few state employees in DPI, Corrections, and the Department of Education that it affects. But the real plan, real retirement plan for state employees is a completely different plan, and LB 700 has nothing at all to do with that. But, anyway, I would simply ask your support in advancing LB 700A so it can catch up with 700, and look forward to the debate on 700. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Withem, we're waiting for Senator Schellpeper. Do you want to proceed or wait?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe I requested on the call of the house for purposes of calling the question. It's now Senator Wickersham's call on when we vote.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, Senator Wickersham, I'm sorry, thank you. Senator Wickersham, we're waiting for Senator Schellpeper, would you like to proceed with the vote or...? We are voting on the advancement of LB 700A to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 700A.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. The bill advances. I will raise the call. Before we continue, Senator Coordsen does have a