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administration of the systems. With that, I would be happy to respond to questions, unless they're overly technical or demanding in nature, but, with that, Mr. President, I would urge support for the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, we have...your amendment is pending. I believe, do you wish to take up that amendment at this time?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That'd be fine, thank you. That should be in the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The amendment's found on page 1041, Senator. (AM3531)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would just indicate that I...my plans are to operate this in a fashion similar to consent calendar. There are 14 more minutes for consideration.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you. The amendment should be in the Journal. This is a very technical amendment. It simply strikes the word "continuous" so that we use all service to count in various provisions, and then it is again harmonizing language so that we know how to compute reductions in benefits for early retirement. We're simply striking provisions which are inconsistent language and making reference to the expressed statutory provisions that control those reductions. And those are reductions in the service annuity or the formula annuity in the school plans.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. There were two lights on prior to the offering of this amendment, Senator Maurstad or Senator Wesely, do either of you care to address the amendment? Senator Wesely does not. Senator Maurstad, to address the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Actually, Mr. President, I just rise to state for the record that I believe that Senator Lynch got his message from St. Augustine.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights on. The closing's waived. The question is the adoption of the Wickersham