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LB 700A, 700

SPEAKER WITHEM: All in favor say aye. Opposed? It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 700A.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1356 of the Journal, Mr. President. (AM3934)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try to be brief. This amendment looks lengthy and complicated. It is not nearly as complicated as it appears. It does not deal with large sums of money. The sums of money that it does deal with are the state contributions to members of the School Employees Retirement System that work for the state of Nebraska. Those individuals are employed by the Department of Education, by the Department of Public Institutions, and by the Department of Corrections. Because of the amendment that you've just approved for LB 700 itself, the state's contributions on behalf of those individuals as the employer would be decreased. The decrease is reflected in the amendment to the A Bill that you have before you. When the A Bill was adopted on General File, it was about \$12,000. This reduces it, and the numbers that you see are simply reflecting those reductions to fit in line with the base rate that was just incorporated into LB 700.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights on. Would you like to close? The question is, shall LB 700A be returned to Select File for a specific amendment? All in favor vote aye, oppose vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is...the bill is returned. Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, I think I explained the amendment, again, as I spoke to the motion to return. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to respond, but if there are none...

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are no further lights on. Do you have a