

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This amendment has been in your bill books on page 1406, has been there actually since before this bill was on Select. And I thank Senator Ed Schrock for allowing me to have this opportunity to put this in his bill, and it was to be done on Select and I apologize. I was in a meeting and actually this bill is a consent calendar bill advanced from the Urban Affairs. And the primary change, the primary thrust of this bill would be to remove the current statutory requirement that the county treasurer of a county which includes a metropolitan class and, of course, you all know that is only one county in this state, Douglas County, and that that treasurer is now established as the ex-officio treasurer of the school district and the school retirement system of the school district. The Douglas County Treasurer is the only county treasurer in the state designated in state law as ex-officio treasurer to a school system, and there have been numerous meetings with the school system. The county treasurer and all have agreed that this is the proper thing to do. If you look in your books, Section 1 removes the requirement that the county treasurer receive \$1,000 annually for service as a school district's treasurer. And it...then Section 2 specifies that the funds of the school district in the hands of the county treasurer are to be paid to the Class V school district on a weekly basis as they become available. And the funds of a metropolitan class city are to be paid also on a weekly basis. Section 8 provides the authorization for the Board of Education to select a treasurer from outside of its own membership as well, of course, as perhaps being a combination secretary/treasurer job. That's up to them. Section 9 removes language designating Douglas County Treasurer as the ex-officio treasurer of the Board of Education. The Section 11 then transfers the existing duties and responsibilities of the county treasurer acting as ex-officio treasurer to the Omaha School Employees Retirement System. There comes the time that there are many, many funds in the school district of Omaha and those funds are not really privy to the Douglas County Treasurer, and so it is appropriate that the accountability for these funds stay with the school board, with the school district. With that, I would hope you would return this to Select File and readvance Senator Schrock's bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. There are no other lights on. Did you wish to say anything in closing? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the return