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(Introduced sponsors.) So would you rise and let the body welcome you. Under the north balcony. Also, Senator Don Pederson would like to announce that the Reverend Bill Beatty, Clara Beatty, Kattie Orcutt, Tiffany Welsh, Mark Green, Debbie Welsh, and Reverend Bill from the church...they're all from North Platte. Would you please rise, under the north balcony, and let the body recognize you. Thank you all for coming. Senator Wehrbein, Senator Stuhr, Baker, Smith, and Hartnett. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I'd like to ask Senator Hartnett several questions, perhaps.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett, will you yield?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: First of all, was this bill here last year? Is this one that...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And we stalled out on it last year?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Well, no, it...it passed and the Governor vetoed after the session was over, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, okay. So we're going through it again. (Laugh.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: New Governor. (Laugh.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I have some up...kind of some updated questions, and I know some of it was probably answered last year. But is.... Going through this retirement issue, is there a way that we could pay outright the volunteers, or is that not a method that will work under...instead of doing the retirement thing?

SENATOR HARTNETT: You create a tax liability.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But the way we are doing it here, there will