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SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, this place is nothing but risk and I guess you have to take those risks when the time comes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're willing to risk LB 953.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Members of the Legislature, I haven't made up my mind exactly what I intend to do on this. But I'm not of the mind that Senator Hilgert is where I will forget and forgive. So if you add this amendment then this bill may be one of those on which I can burn up a little time on the clock while or burn some time off the clock while deciding what I ultimately intend to do. The bill was before us. There was a chance to attach the amendment. The Governor said, no, do it my way or no way; my way or the highway. And the bill was temporarily laid over. Now it comes back. Well, I haven't changed from the person I was that day. I supported it then. I don't support it now. Maybe everybody does. But if you add it to this bill, then I've given forewarning of what my intentions are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you and let me be blunt for a second. If this amendment isn't adopted, the Legislature's ability to influence through the reporting procedures that this has outlined, through the voting on the state board, through the increase in membership to four senators, is not going to take place and, frankly, the entire Workforce Investment Act will be run through executive order by the Governor. So that may or may not influence one or more members of the Legislature as they deliberate on this. And with that, I would ask the body to please adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the adoption of AM2957 to LB 953. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, when you're ready, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1203.)