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LB 925

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, when I say something about what I will do with a bill, I usually say what I mean and I'm going to ask you if you really meant something you said or if that was just by way of rhetorical flourish. Are you in a position now where you're prepared to strike everything from this bill except Senator Hilgert's amendment?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The amendment is on file.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I needed to ask because, had Senator Wickersham not done that, I was going to file such an amendment. I have stayed out of the discussion on this bill. I believe that what Senator Hilgert has given us is something that can stand on its own without any prop-ups from any other provision in this bill. I don't know that LB 925 would get enough votes to pass. I don't know that it would get enough votes to override a veto. In view of all factors associated with this issue and the current status of child support...child care assistance that will be made available to women under certain circumstances, or men too if they happen to be in that situation, I would rather see energy expended toward the achievement of a positive goal. That positive goal would be Senator Hilgert's amendment. So we don't need to worry about taking a vote on Senator Brown's amendment. That's why I'm not going to talk about that at all. I will support Senator Wickersham's amendment. Now I have one more question to ask of the "wizard". Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you support Senator Hilgert's amendment should it be the only thing left in the bill?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: On what I know now, yes, and I voted to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all that I have. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, on the Brown amendment.