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LB 914, 925

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized on the advancement of LB 925. Senator Landis, on the advancement of LB 925.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we have produced ourselves a...it's no longer arithmetic on this bill trying to get to 25. It's now algebra because we have two factors to solve for us simultaneously. One of them is LB 925; one of them is LB 914. So I was making some rounds this morning. Senator Chambers and Senator Wickersham have suggested to me that they think the LB 914 portion is stronger than the LB 925 portion. They think I ought to listen to reason and do what they want, which is to strip LB 925 and to go with LB 914, on the theory that if LB 925 was to fail on General File we'd lose our chance to do LB 914. Now, they're of different camps. Senator Chambers, I think, suggests that because he likes LB 914 and, while he's not necessarily a, you know, he's not the anti-Christ on LB 925, I think he just thinks that, look, it's...the better thing is to do LB 914 and he thinks he can...we can win that one, and the other is an anchor. Senator Wickersham, I think, is, as we all know, he is not in favor of LB 925. He didn't like it in committee, he doesn't like it out here. He's not going to change his mind and I think, as a LB 914 supporter, I think he'd see the world better off if we cut the portion he doesn't like and then live with the portion that he could live with. So they're of an equal mind. I've been going around with my colleagues and I'll tell you why. I have no objection to LB 914. I think it's okay by me. I'd do it. I think it's reasonable. But...and I don't want to beat a dead horse if there aren't 25 votes, at least close to 25 votes to move LB 925. In a very quick calculation this morning, I've talked to my colleagues and here's what I generally hear. People that like one are likely to like both but not completely, and I have at least as many people who like LB 925, the child-care credit, more than they like LB 914, although there are some clear examples to the contrary. If there is one body of advice that I get from my colleagues about how to make LB 925 better is it to build in some recognition of quality. Senator Suttle gives me that message. Senator Aguilar would signal that message. Senator Stuhr says, I'm not sure if I would become a yes; I'm...I'm darned iffy but that is an important issue. So if there is a signal term for me in LB 925 at this point it