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LB 622, 759

lights. Senator Raikes, was that your closing, or do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR RAIKES: I'll use that as a closing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing on the motion to return LB 622 to Select File for specific amendment. All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 622 is returned for a specific amendment. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM1956.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This would enact the provision that we're talking about. I would simply offer to address any other questions that you might have. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Raikes, I wanted to renew the question I asked you earlier. And if you responded when I was on the side talking to someone else, I apologize. But it is the question with regard to the total effect of what we're doing this session on municipalities. And you know, they were hit pretty hard in the budget. But I don't know what the effect of LB 759 is, and I don't know what the effect of this is. Have you done that and decided that they're getting off too easy, or that state aid to municipalities is not a good thing generally? Why do we want to do this?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Senator, my...any notions about who should take a bigger hit and who should take a littler hit and so on don't affect my motivation here, I guess. This simply seems to me to be a prudent thing for us to do as custodians of state funds at this point. I will tell you, in response, using