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read, plus some additional amendments that I'm certain he will explain. With that, if Senator Beutler would like the balance of my time, I'd yield it to him.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to...oh. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bourne, thank you for the time. Let me just take a short period of that time now to explain what the difference is between the committee amendment and the amendment that will come before you shortly. The committee amendment will be incorporated into the next amendment, with the exception of one item, which is...which Senator Bourne has no problem with because we have no disagreement on the substance of the matter; only a discussion about how things should be worded. And in the committee amendment, with respect to participation by transferred employees into the state employment system, the committee amendment said that they shall have the right to participate. The amendment before you will say they may participate. There is no difference in the intention of either myself, as sponsor of the bill, or the Judiciary Committee. The intention is, and I think the language suffices, to indicate that employees coming in from the various county systems into the state system, they can choose to keep their retirement money separate, or they can choose to participate in the state system, bring those values into the state system. We're leaving it entirely to the employee, and every employee has the right to participate in the state system. So I think everybody is together on that particular item. And with that, I'll leave off until I have a few more minutes in a solid block of time to talk about the amendment to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would offer an amendment to the committee amendment. This is AM1795. (Legislative Journal page 291.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to the amendment on the committee amendment, AM1795.