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LB 247, 247A, 762

by Senator Baack; Senator Coordsen to LB 762; new A bill, LB 247A by Senator Withem. (Read by title for the first time. See pages 1585-87 of the Legislative Journal.) And that's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion on the Warner amendment, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate now cease? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Warner, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President, I'd like to yield a minute to Senator Schimek, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to convey as accurately as I can a message from some of the leadership at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and I guess they are afraid is what has happened here on the floor today is a turf battle has been developing, and they wanted me to convey that the university, UN-L, is supportive of the Board of Regents' basic motion which didn't say they were against Kearney becoming part of the university system. All they were suggesting is that there should be a study and a plan. And I guess what they said is not really any different what the State College Board of Trustees said or what the citizens of this state said through the New Horizons project. The Board of Regents was just trying to say that we ought to look at things like role and mission, framework and so forth. I hope that we do not consider this to be a turf battle. The university leadership wanted me to assure you that they are not stonewalling on this issue and that what we need to do is talk about the health and well-being of higher education across the state and not get into some regional battles here. Thank you, Senator Warner.

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LB 183, 247A

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

(Journal page 1674 shows the prayer was offered by Reverend Curtis Liesveld, Hope Reformed church, Lincoln, Nebraska.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not on) ...please come back again. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, communications from the Governor, appointment letters, appointing Mr. Ronald Woodle to the Public Roads Classifications and Standards Board; and Ms. Mary Cabela to the Nebraska Arts Council. Both of those will be referred to Reference Committee. (See pages 1674-75 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Hefner has amendments to LB 183 to be printed, Mr. President. (See pages 1675-76 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before proceeding to the A bill on General File, I would advise the body that it is my plan (gavel) at the present time to break during the noon hour and come back at one-thirty and put in a regular or nearly regular day, as we did last week. Break for lunch and come back at one-thirty. Mr. Clerk, to the A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 247A offered by Senator Withem is on General File. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, LB 247A funds...appropriates \$250,000 specifically for the study of higher education that is referred to in LB 247. I would urge the body to advance LB 247A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any questions? If not, those in favor of the

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LB 247A, 603, 651A

Withem motion to advance the A bill vote aye, opposed nay.
Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of
LB 247A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill does advance. LB 651A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 651A offered by Senator Hall. (Read
title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, it's the A bill for 651A...651. I
would move the advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? If not, shall LB 651A be advanced
to E & R? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of
651A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. LB 325, Mr. Clerk.
I'm sorry, my apologies. LB 603.

CLERK: Mr. President, 603 was a bill that was introduced by
Senator Hartnett and a number of the members. (Read title.)
The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Judiciary,
advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending
by the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, your apology is accepted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you sir.

SENATOR CHIZEK: LB 603 allows the State Foster Care Review
Board standing in a party in certain juvenile proceedings.
Senator Hartnett will get into the mechanics of the bill
shortly. The amendments, however, begin on page 1157 of the
Journal and they were offered by the introducer as a result of
some of the testimony at the hearing. They are in two groups,
the committee amendments. The first group contains the more
technical amendments. They clarify the intent of 603 regarding

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LB 84, 84A, 89, 89A, 182, 247A, 325
603, 603A, 651A, 761
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this go on about the possibility down the road of some kind of discussion down the line of the two entities, namely, the local monitoring committee and DEC, under its rules and regs, getting into a dispute over was the money properly expended, and maybe we need a better agreement right up front on how that process is going to work. We are about out of time and we may want to come back to that. That is the question I want to raise and I think we have got, at least, some intent here into the record, and I would not want to see this unnecessarily tie the hands of a local monitoring committee that might have legitimate reasons to wish for more data or a different analysis of data. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Any other discussion? Any closing, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment, AM1403. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointees to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing. I have a series of appointment letters from the Governor. Those will be referred to the Reference Committee, Mr. President.

Enrollment and Review reports LB 182 to Select File, LB 325 Select File, LB 247A, LB 651A, LB 603, LB 603A, all to Select File. Enrollment and Review reports LR 2 as correctly engrossed, Mr. President. A series of amendments to be printed, Senator Coordsen to LB 89; Senator Lynch to LB 89, Senator Lynch to LB 89A; Senator Lamb to LB 84 and LB 84A. (See pages 1726-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Schmit. Senator, I have AM1417 in front of me. (See page 1733 of the Legislative Journal.)

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LB 47, 66, 99, 135, 206, 247, 247A
324, 372, 381, 392, 395, 401, 482
506, 546, 548, 582, 582A, 608, 611
637, 777, 790
LR 81, 82

advancement of LB 247.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 247 is advanced. Anything for the record? The call is raised. Senator Withem, would you like to handle the A bill at this point? (LB 247A)

CLERK: Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR WITHEM: Move the advancement of the A bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the A bill say aye. Opposed no. Carried. For the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communications regarding LB 135, LB 206, LB 324, LB 381, LB 392, LB 482, LB 395, LB 47, LB 66, LB 372, LB 401, LB 506, LB 546, LB 548, LB 582, LB 582A, LB 608, LB 637, LB 777, LB 790, and LB 99 as found on pages 1809-10 of the Legislative Journal.)

Study resolution, Mr. President, by Senator Goodrich and some other members regarding a review of state institutions where there is a permanent residence population. That will be referred to Reference Committee. (LR 81.) LR 82 is a resolution by Senators Pirsch and Lindsay asking the Legislature to applaud the efforts of 120 students in the...for their academic achievement. That will be laid over. (See pages 1810-12 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, Government Committee gives notice of confirmation hearing for May 4. That is offered by Senator Baack as Chair. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to the next bill on Select File, LB 611.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item on LB 611 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that the E & R amendments to LB 611 be adopted.

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LB 84, 247, 247A, 575, 575A, 611, 739
739A, 812
LR 87

of LB 812 to E & R Engrossing. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye Senators Beck, Beyer, Byars, Coordsen, Crosby, Dierks, Elmer, Goodrich, Haberman, Hannibal, Hefner, Lowell Johnson, Kristensen, Labedz, Landis, Langford, Lindsay, Moore, Peterson, Rogers, Schimek, Scofield, Warner, Wehrbein and Weihing. Voting no Senators Abboud, Bernard-Stevens, Chambers, Chizek, Conway, Hall, Korshoj, Lamb, Morrissey, Robak, Schmit and Withem. Senator Smith voting yes. Senator Barrett voting yes. 27 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 812. (Record vote not printed in the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 812 advances. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, study resolution signed by the Business and Labor Committee. (Read brief description of LR 87. See pages 1907-08 of the Legislative Journal.) Referred to Reference Committee.

LB 247, LB 247A, LB 575, LB 575A, LB 611, LB 739 and LB 739A are all reported correctly engrossed, Mr. President. (See pages 1908-09 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to Select File, senator priority bills. LB 84.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 84 is on Select File. The bill was last considered on Select File on April 20, Mr. President. At that time there was an amendment to the bill by Senator Lamb that was adopted. Senator Chizek then made a motion, Mr. President, to indefinitely postpone. Senator Lamb agreed to lay the bill over. That motion is now pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I want to withdraw my motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The IPP motion is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I then have amendments by Senator Conway to the bill. Senator, these are your amendments on page 1622 of

remarks and giving the time to me. I filed this motion just to get a chance to talk about the need for the E clause on this bill. Now that I have reminded you of that, I would withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, of a member in our Clerk's Office, Dick Brown. Under the north balcony, we have Amie Callahan and C.J. Brown, who are members of his family, and also Bonnie Coley of the American Hereford Association and David Allen of the Nebraska Hereford Association. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: If you'll return to your seats, please, we'll continue with Final Reading of 247E. (Gavel.) Please return to your desks. Thank you. Proceed, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 247 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all the provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 247 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2504 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 11 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 247 passes with the emergency clause attached. May I please introduce a group of guests in the north balcony. Senator Rogers has seven sixth graders from the Loup County Public School with their principal and teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And Senator Hefner has a group from Coleridge, Nebraska, it's a women's study group club and their spouses. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And thank you for visiting us today. LB 247A.

CLERK: (Read LB 247A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 247A pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed

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nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2505 of the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 7 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 247A passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 250 please.

CLEPK: (Read LB 250 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 250 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2506 of the Legislative Journal.) 38 ayes, 9 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 250 passes. LB 250A.

CLERK: (Read LB 250A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: ...relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 250A pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2507 of the Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 5 nays, 4 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 250A passes. LB 261 with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 261E on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all the provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 261 will pass with the emergency clause attached? That is 261A with the emergency clause attached. Excuse me, right, 261 with the emergency clause attached. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on pages 2507-2508 in

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LB 84, 95, 247, 247A, 250, 250A, 261
261A, 272A, 277, 277A, 290, 283, 303
303A, 312A, 312, 356

emergency clause attached.

CLERK: (Read LB 312A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: Having complied with all provisions of law relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 312A pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on page 2516 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 312A passes with the emergency clause attached. May I introduce some guests in the north balcony, Senator Schmit has 30 third and fourth grade students from Dwight and their teachers. They are from the East Butler Elementary School. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have an Attorney General's Opinion. (Re: LB 356, found on pages 2516-2520 of the Legislative Journal.)

I also have an explanation of vote, Mr. President, by Senator Warner. (Re: LB 84, found on page 2520 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign, LB 95, LB 247, LB 247A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312 and LB 312A. Are you ready to go on?

CLERK: Yes, I am, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We will go on to the General File, LB 272A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 272A is a bill introduced by Senator Landis, it's a bill for an act to appropriate funds to implement the provisions of LB 272.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 272 is the Mortgage

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272A, 277, 277A, 280, 283, 303, 303A
312, 312A
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SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I move we recess for lunch until one-thirty.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 272A to Select File. Bills read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Re: LB 95, LB 247, LB 247A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 261, LB 261A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 280, LB 283, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 312 and LB 312A. See page 2522 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, we are recessed.

RECESS

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a quorum present.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 216. I would like to introduce some guests in the north balcony if I might. We have Carl and Iona Taylor of Lincoln, and Mrs. Taylor is a cousin of my wife. Would you folks please stand so we can welcome you. Treat them kindly and don't tell us about them and don't tell them about us. Thank you for visiting us today, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Clerk, before lunch, we were where?

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, we were, well, let me...may I read one item for the record, Mr. President, before I...

PRESIDENT: Yes, please.

CLERK: Senator, I have a new resolution, Mr. President, LR 219 offered by Senator Abboud. (Read brief explanation. See pages 2523-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.

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LB 44, 44A, 49, 49A, 162, 162A, 247
247A, 250, 250A, 277, 277A, 301, 308
813, 814
LR 115, 213, 214, 215, 217, 218, 220
221, 223

Mr. President, a series of veto messages. (Read. Re: LB 44, LB 44A, LB 162, LB 162A, LB 49, LB 49A, LB 277, LB 277A, LB 250, LB 250A, LB 247, LB 247A.) The last message, Mr. President. (Read. Re: LB 301, LB 308, LB 813, LB 814. See pages 2723-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, that completes the items that I have.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 115, LR 213, LR 214, LR 215, LR 217, LR 218, LR 220, LR 221. We will move on to number five, resolutions, Mr. Clerk, LR 223, please.

CLERK: LR 223 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee. It is found on page 2680 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature that pursuant to the provisions of Section 85-404 and LR 69 adopted by the Ninetieth Legislature to call for the issuance of bond anticipation notes and/or revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$4,925,000.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I know we are all busy, a beehive of activity this morning, but this first thing out of the shoot is of some significance. You may or may not want to listen. What this is is the approval for the bond financing of Phase III of the rec center construction. Those of you that were around in 1987 will remember at that point in time when we approved the indoor practice facility, that was the first of three phases of activity in the total hyperfitness area, whatever it was called, I forget. And Phase I and Phase II have already been...Phase I and Phase II have already been either built or in the process of being built and paid for, and the university is coming down...coming back with LR 223, and if you remember back, LR 69 two years ago, it basically said...we basically said we approve Phase I and Phase II and Phase III; if on the chance that when you go to Phase III, and Phase III is rebuilding of the coliseum, which I would like to explain a little bit, if we get to Phase III, it is the university's choice to use bond financing, and they must come back to the Legislature for our approval. That is, indeed, what has occurred. That is what LR 223 is talking about. It grants the authority for the university to bond up to \$4.9 million for the UN-L recreation/athletic facility. Now as you remember, the indoor practice facility, you all remember, Phase II of that

state, funded largely through counties and local private citizen groups trying to keep the program alive. As I said, the federal dollars could be and should be in jeopardy because of the failure of this body to approve any funds on the state level to make a program work. Finally, I'd just say that the program, if passed, appropriates \$312,000 to the program which would then provide statewide enforcement and protection under the animal damage control program. As I said, I would appreciate your support on the bill. I hope that you'll look at the bill from its importance and determine at that point whether or not it's a priority with you and in this budget.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, discussion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, Senator Johnson did mention various issues that come into play while we're voting on these matters, but I think he's aware that I have not supported these kind of bills anyway so I won't be supporting the override.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj. Thank you, that won't be necessary. Yours was the last light. Senator Johnson, would you care to close? Thank you. The question is then the override of the Governor's veto in LB 162. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I'd just ask for a record vote, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2767-68 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, next motion I have is by Senator Withem. Senator Withem would move that LB 247A become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm going to use the opportunity speak on LB 247A to probably give the body some welcome news here. I have a total of five motions filed. The next five motions are mine. It is my intent to withdraw

four of those. I'll speak on LB 247A and explain why I am withdrawing it. This is the bill that appropriated \$250,000 for our study of higher education. The Governor, in her message, indicated that she felt that the study aspect of LB 247 was the strongest aspect of it. Expressed some concerns about signing the portion just bringing Kearney in prior to the study, but indicated the study was the most important aspect of it. Yet, she vetoed \$100,000 out. The rationale, as I understand it, was that we might have had a great deal of dollars or a great deal of data already collected on higher education; it may not take the full \$150,000. I tend to disagree, but because of the fact that the study is broken up into two phases over two years, the \$150,000 figure is certainly enough to get us through the phase one level and we have the opportunity to come back the next year and there probably is no point in appropriating more dollars than we actually need. And so, although my guess...my mind tells me we might need to override this, my heart's really not in the override at this point so I'm going to withdraw this motion. I'm also going to use this opportunity to speak on the other bill that I was going...that I'm going to withdraw the motion on. LB 277 and LB 277A were bills that were advanced from General File through Select File early, early in the session and they sat on Final Reading because of the A bill. It's a bill designed to allow Civil Service annuitants the option of having their income, state income tax, deducted from their pension checks. Many other federal retirees have this option. Those who worked under the office of Personnel Management do not. I wish I would have known that there were some concerns about this bill earlier because I had some ideas of how we could do things differently. I didn't hear about those and I guess that's really nobody's fault. The bill didn't come to the Governor's attention until the last couple of days. Have been given some assurances that we can at least visit about what those concerns are and see if there's some things we can do to help these 30,000 or so Nebraskans out there so that they can have their Social Security...their state income tax withheld. So I will be withdrawing that motion with the understanding that we'll be working on this issue over the summer. LB 250A is a \$5,000 A bill associated with LB 250 and I will not be running my motion on that. However, the next motion I will be running is on LB 250 and I will be very serious about running that motion because, as Senator Schimek will tell you in a few minutes, that is a bill that really does need to be passed this session. So, with that, I withdraw my motion on LB 247A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, if I understand you correctly then, you will take up your motion on LB 250?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, LB 250 is a bill that the Governor vetoed, and if you read her veto message, and I hope I can charitably paraphrase it, it sounded as though she was saying that she really agreed with everything that LB 250 said, she just preferred not to have it in the statute, which is a, you know, a philosophical position that I can respect. I think it's important to have it in the statute. Probably Senator Hall ought to be given part of the time to talk on this because it was originally his bill. He wasn't around yesterday when the message came down so I filed the override motion. It's a bill dealing with competencies in the area of human relations and that the teachers that teach our students ought to be competent in the areas of human relations. That was the main bill. The reason I'm insistent upon carrying the override motion, however, doesn't deal with the bill itself. It deals with an amendment that Senator Schimek was sneaky enough to get added to the bill on Select File. Was a bill that came to the Education Committee and the full bill did not get out of the committee, but her portion of it is a bill that really does need to pass because of the fact that we're going to be starting this new test for new teachers this fall and there are some quirks in that particular statute that need to be addressed this year and this is the bill that addressed those. So I am going to relinquish my time to Senator Schimek and I hope if she has some time left she will relinquish her time over to Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I will be very brief. We have a requirement that teachers who are not already certified take what's called a preprofessional skills test and those tests are only given at certain times of the year. And if a school board hires a teacher in the summertime, particularly after July 1, there is a good chance that that teacher cannot receive certification as the statutes now stand because they haven't taken the test. And there is...there are several times during the year when the teacher can take the test, but if they're hired late enough in the session they cannot take it till August or October, and plus there's a waiting period after that then of anywhere from six weeks to