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LB 163, 1055, 1099, 1124, 1153, 1153A, 1221
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LB 1055, LB 1124, LB 1153, LB 1153A, LB 1221, LB 1246, and
LB 1246A.)

I have an explanation of vote by Senator Landis and a study resolution by the Banking Committee, that is offered...signed by its membership, Mr. President. (LR 427. See page 2032 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the first motion I have with respect to overrides of legislation is LB 163. Senator Rod Johnson would move that 163 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, my comments will be short and, hopefully, to the point. I guess LB 163 is a substantial policy choice question this Legislature is going to have to make. I know that you have been lobbied heavily on both sides of this issue, and I can appreciate that, and I hope that you've made up your mind. I'm not sure that the debate will add much to the vote that you're about to cast, but I wanted to get some things in the record nonetheless. You know as we all get these notices from the Governor as to why she vetoed the bill, I'm not sure they serve any service other than to piss us off. But I'm at the point right now where LB 163 has three points in it, her veto message, that tell us how she feels about LB 163. The first is she says the first is that LB 163 fails to build upon the work commissioned by the Legislature, past work. Then she mentions a bill I passed in this Legislature a few years ago to commission a study to look into the solid waste problems that Nebraska has. That study pointed out we have a substantial number of solid waste or landfills in Nebraska that have really some substantial environmental and health risk problems to Nebraskans. I realize that, that's what the purpose of this bill has been from the beginning is to begin the process of moving ourselves forward to deal with solid waste. Granted, it doesn't help clean up the contamination that is there, but we have other programs that are designed to help, walk in and start the process of looking at water contamination problems that exist with SPAs or special protection areas. Senator Schmit and I carried a bill this year, LB 1099, which did not make it through the process, but again is a bill that would have helped us deal with some of the contamination problems that exist. What this bill does is basically say we recognize that EPA is going to be coming down in this state very soon, within probably