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LB 928

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I believe, Mr. President and colleagues, everybody knows what this amendment is about. I think it is important that we not let the debate get bogged down on this emotional issue. This is simply a four year sunset. It means that the 928 experiment is just that. It is a provisional experiment. The Legislature will have to take a look at it again in four years to see how well it is working. I think there is general agreement that we should do this. Again, I don't think we need to talk about it a lot. I just encourage the body to adopt the sunset so we can get on to other business. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Howard Peterson and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would rise to oppose the amendment and the reason why I do is that I'm not sure I want to wait four years. It might be that we will want to be back in this Legislature next year or two years from now. For that reason I would oppose returning the bill for that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I oppose the amendment as well. As Senator Wesely indicated that we dealt with this bill very quickly and didn't have time to put the sunset provision on it on Select File. In General File it didn't seem very quick to me. If I recall exactly, we spent all morning and about half the afternoon on Select File on this particular bill. I think it has been debated at length and I guess I think that if we are going to adopt the concept that is in LB 928 and say this is going to be our attempt to try to resolve the Christian school conflict then that should be to try to resolve it and we shouldn't say at the same time, well, we really don't think this is going to work so we are going to have a sunset provision on it. Well sunset provisions are ridiculous. What sunset provisions do, and I think all of you know it, is that it gives the bill drafter's office something to do because what it says is that we are going to be sure that a bill has to be introduced at whatever point in time it is that we select

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