

favor of adopting the Hefner amendment to LB 325 vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill? Senator Nichol moves that the bill be readvanced to Enrollment and Review final. Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers, do you still want to offer yours, Senator? Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to return 325 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment is printed separately. It is Req.2432.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return to Select File for a specific amendment. Is there discussion? Senator Vickers, you may explain.

SENATOR VICKERS: It would be fine if we could do it without any discussion. This amendment would...I'm going to ask you to return LB 325 for the purpose of inserting an amendment that is another bill, that is LB 955 that was heard by the Retirement Systems Committee. It was advanced by the committee. It deals with teacher retirement and it appears to me that 325 would be a logical place to attach the amendment. The bill does basically one thing. There was a point in time when there was a window opened for teachers who were not in the retirement system to purchase their way back into the retirement system. That window had closed. Now this affects some teachers who had been out of the system because they were perhaps just out of teaching. It affects basically three types of teachers, those who were in the profession and then got out for a while, those who perhaps left the state and then came back and some of them were members of the retirement system as teachers and then when the ESUs were created, the ESU retirement system, they didn't have one and they weren't allowed to continue in that retirement system. This bill opens that window again. It opens the window so that those people will have an opportunity to buy back into the retirement system. It sets up a mechanism whereby they can buy back over a period of time because we recognize that it could be very expensive for some of those people to try to do it all at once. But it is as a matter of equity, because the retirement system is really important to a lot of those people, this would be a mechanism to allow those folks that for whatever reason,