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CLERK: You may want to open on your bill first, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: I...one, do...hmm?

CLERK: I've got your amendment, but I was going to let you open on your bill first.

CLERK: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President and members. LB 629 is a request that was brought to me by Lincoln Public Schools to change the statutes so that as population grows in Lancaster and Lincoln, Lancaster County and the city of Lincoln, that Lincoln would not become a Class V school district. Currently the law provides that a Class IV district is embraced with...this is in quotes, "embraced within each incorporated city of the primary class in the state of Nebraska." Additionally, in Statute 79-102, a Class IV is described as "any school district embracing territory of a population of 100,000 or more and less than 200,000 inhabitants that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education." The 1990 census gives Lincoln's population as 191,272. Currently, growth patterns indicate that Lincoln will be greater than 200,000 people at the time of the next census in the year 2000. Rather than have Lincoln become a Class V, which would place them in a different retirement system for employees and teachers, and it would also increase...tend to increase the numbers of members on the board of education, so I brought this bill as a hedge against the time that the population will change. Also, I want everyone to understand the legislation has no fiscal impact on any school district at all, and it came out of the Education Committee unanimously with those who were voting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Sen...

SENATOR CROSBY: I'll try to answer any questions if there are some.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Crosby, I had your amendment, Senator, with a note you want to withdraw.