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higher paid teachers the ability to retire and to be able to replace those higher paid teachers with newer teacher, which are lower paid. It certainly results in a savings to school districts, and it results in saving to OPS in excess of \$2 million each year in payroll and fringe benefit expenditures. I would ask for the Legislature to vote in favor of this particular bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. There is an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

SENATOR KIEL: Yes.

CLERK: Senator, Senator Will's amendment is on page 360 of the Journal. (See AM2730.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kiel, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR KIEL: This amendment is just technical in nature, because this bill was introduced last year, what we are looking to do is to change some dates. It would strike "1997", on page 35, line 15, and insert "1998". Also, line 19, strike "1996" and insert "1997". And change the dates throughout so that they are...they work with this bill being looked at a year later.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the body. I'd ask Senator Kiel a couple of questions, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kiel, will you yield?

SENATOR KIEL: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Kiel, I... this is an older bill, and I have not reread it. But can you answer just a couple questions. This has to do with Class V schools, which is only Omaha. Can you tell me why only Omaha?