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adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The confirmation report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature now moves to Select File. The first bill, (LB) 202. No E & R. Senator Beutler has the first amendment to the bill. Senator, Fall.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on his amendment to LB 202.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator (sic) Maurstad, I'd withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Kiel now offers AM0223. (See amendment on pages 507-509 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Chair recognizes Senator Kiel for her amendment on LB 202.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. My amendment today is based on my bill, LB 607, which is the Neighborhood Development bill. And it adds a smaller grant program to the Partnership for Economic Development. It would allow individual neighborhood associations or small communities to qualify for a grant specifically for community development. Applicants would have to document a match equivalent in money, or in kind, equal to the following scale: they must match 25 percent, for a maximum grant of \$5,000; they must match up to 49 percent, for a maximum grant of \$7,500; and 50 percent or more, for a maximum grant of \$10,000. The purpose of the bill originally, and this amendment, is to revitalize declining neighborhoods and rural communities, to maintain the integrity of stable, viable neighborhoods in rural communities, and to strengthen existing neighborhoods in rural communities. Senators should have received a packet of information with regard to this amendment. And if you have it in front of you, or if you looked at it, you