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LB 112, 53

PRESIDENT: LB 112 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill on General File is LB 53.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 53 was introduced by Senator Neil Simon of the 31st. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 4. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 53 is the dues check off bill. It would allow the teacher organizations to have a dues check off system if they wanted to. The cost of the check off system would be borne by the teachers so there is no cost at all to the school districts. Right now we have this system on an informal basis. This would merely allow it to be more of a formal process putting it into law. This is the same sort of thing that we have with the state's employees and other civic, other public bodies. There was no opposition on the bill. I would move that LB 53 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers moves to amend: (Read Vickers' motion found on page 510 of the Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Vickers.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members of the body, I realize this is a right to work state and I think most people do realize that but it just seems to me that we should include on that right of authorization the wording so that the teacher will be well aware of his or her right to reject belonging to this organization if they so desire. For us to put it in the law and not notify the teacher seems to me to be a lesson in futility. The teachers need to be notified so that if they so desire they may withdraw and that is simply all the amendment does. I would urge its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to be recognized on the Vickers' amendment? Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized? Okay.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,