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LR 7
LB 141

were not included in the supplemental benefit. So in order to include them we are changing, basically striking the word "certificated" which specifically applies to teachers and putting in a word to indicate simply anyone that had credited service in the retirement plan. The second category was a small group who had an option early in their life of going for what is called the reserve teacher plan or not, and we excluded people that had rejected that option even though they may, in fact, have otherwise been eligible. So we have inserted people who did not apply for reserve teacher benefits, brought them under this supplemental benefit plus the noncertificated retirees, and this fund or cost will diminish because these are longterm employees. They are very elderly. Their lifespan probably is not that much longer. This is just a supplement to continue to try and provide a minimum payment for them. As I indicated, it is simply extending a benefit that we provided last year to a couple classes of employees who were missed in oversight. There is enough money in the fund that was appropriated last year to pick up this cost, so it will take no additional money. There was no opposing testimony to the bill, and there were no opposing votes as far as voting it out. It is simply to clean up a bill that we passed last year. I would move for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on LB 141? Hearing none, Senator Fowler, do you have any further close, or is your opening your close?

SENATOR FOWLER: I could repeat it again but that is fine.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the House then is the advance of LB 141 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 141 is advanced to E & R Initial. Since Senator Dworak has not returned yet we will go on to agenda item #5 with resolutions. Senator Wesely, are you ready to handle LR 7? All right, Mr. Clerk, do you want to read LR 7?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, LR 7 is found on page 312 of the Journal. It is offered by Senators Wesely, Hoagland and Vard Johnson. (Read LR 7). Mr. President, again that is found on page 312 of the Legislative Journal.