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LB 366

SENATOR SCHMIT: I am sorry I was wandering around. Have they been explained, Mr. President?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Sir?

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SPEAKER MARVEL: No, it hasn't been.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to have them explained if they could be.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I am sorry. Senator Fowler made a presentation. Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Fowler. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 366. Have you all voted? This will be the last bill today. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 366 shouldn't take very much of our time. It is a bill that has been worked on quite extensively in the last couple of months. The bill was introduced along with LB 367 dealing with the question of Lincoln benefits to police and firemen. There has been a great deal of controversy in Lincoln and a court case has been brought by the police union of Lincoln challenging several aspects of the present pension benefits that they receive in Lincoln. There has been a lot of concern in this area, and with the introduction of these two bills, LB 366 and LB 367, for the first time the two parties, the city and the police and fire unions, sat down and talked through the mutual problems that they had, came to an agreement which I think is a very fair one, and have come to you with the adopted committee amendments with a proposal that is supported by all interested parties. Essentially what the amendments do, and which you have supported, would bring down the cost of this whole proposal from approximately I think \$900,000 was what LB 366 would originally have cost the city, down to more like about \$400,000, cut in a little more than half the cost of the whole proposal, but that four hundred some thousand dollars, although it is a large