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LB 933

I might just make a comment, a clarification to Senator Nichol's question on 756 because there were two positions that could be changed without statute which was the Supreme Court Clerk and the Supreme Court Reporter but the Court has the authority to pay within the full appropriation whatever they want. But those two are not set by statute. So, but all of the rest of them are set by statute. LB 933 is one of a series of bills that the Appropriations Committee introduced for the purpose of reviewing a number of programs which hearings have been held and the committee amendment strikes the number of the portions of that bill as it was introduced. I can tell you the committee amendment will strike the reference to the Department of Water Resources. It strikes Sections 2 through 6 that affect the Department of Agriculture. It strikes Section 7 through 24 which affected the Department of Health and strikes Section 26 which required the...it would affect the Department of Education and strikes Section 28 which again affects the Department of Agriculture and it would strike Section 29 that would have deleted the authorization for agricultural activities. What will be left in the bill with the adoption of the committee amendment, four items which then can be addressed and those four items that will be left in the bill as from the way it was introduced is first Section 25 will remain and this was a statute that had been passed some years ago that required the State Fire Marshal to pay the expense for publishing fire prevention education books. It is a section of law that has never been funded, or never been implemented. It came to our attention last year and we propose to eliminate that expenditure estimated at \$25,000 but it is not a savings because it has never been done. The next three sections, you may want to consider separately after adoption of the committee amendments, Section 27 would delete the requirement that the Department of Education reimburse school districts for the cost of hiring substitute teachers, when school employees serve on the advisory committees. Also remaining in the bill would be the section that provides for the Coordinating Council for Handicapped and the final thing left in the bill is Section 29 which would delete the General Funds support for local Indian alcoholism rehabilitation programs, it is funded through the Department of Administrative Services. That is being deleted there because it is felt that it is a duplication of the alcohol abuse program that is otherwise provided for and was not necessary to have that activity located in two different agencies and particularly DAS would have little to do with that operation. So I move the adoption of the committee amendments striking the