

aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 36 from General File. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 36.

PRESIDENT: LB 36 is advanced. Next, LB 353.

CLERK: Mr. President, 353 was a bill introduced by the Retirement Systems Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 17 of this year, referred to the Retirement Systems Committee for hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are Retirement Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, we are talking about the amendment now?

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HARRIS: All right, the amendment is printed in the Journal and it is a very simple...

PRESIDENT: Page what?

SENATOR HARRIS: Page 581. And the amendment basically says that we are going to include the MUD under the proposal that is the total of the bill which is LB 353. If you would care to take a look at this amendment, it simply is talking about any retirement plan adopted by the board of directors of any water or metropolitan utilities district may allow such districts to pick up the employee contribution required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1st, 1986, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in determining the federal tax treatment under the United States Internal Revenue Code. And basically what this amendment is talking about is including this group under the retirement plan as also the others are included. So this is a very simple amendment. It is simply to include the MUD as a part of the whole plan that we are going to talk about under the proposal of the whole bill. So, Mr. President, I move the amendment.