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SENATOR CARPENTER: No, the first amendment, Senator, I withdrew which had the desire to restrict this bill only to the Omaha schools. I would think if it was good for them it ought to be good for the schools in my district and your district.

SENATOR WHITNEY: That amendment has not passed. You withdrew that amendment. Now..

SENATOR CARPENTER: I only have this one but another Senator has a motion, I understand, to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR WHITNEY: OK. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The question is shall the Carpenter amendment be adopted. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. We are voting on the Carpenter amendment to LB 197. Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote. Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It is a highly important..

SPEAKER: It's a simple majority is required, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright then. I'll keep my mouth shut.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The Carpenter amendment is adopted. Are there other amendments on the desk?

CLERK: There is a motion, Mr. President. Read.

SPEAKER: Good. The chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I believe the statute as it has been developed and the history that was explained by Senator Carstens is an excellent policy guide from this body to our creatures, the school districts, of how they should get miscellaneous equipment and miscellaneous buildings. I believe if we would change that policy statement to allow them to use this as a purchase vehicle, we're doing a complete injustice to the flexibility of the school district and their ability to make decisions. They asked us for the leadership we have given them in this statute and I think it is excellent. I do urge that we not change it. I believe there is many examples that can be stated that we need flexibility in this area but I don't know that we need flexibility of twenty years, ten years, or forever. That would be a brand new policy, not a leeway and guideline for the school districts. Yesterday, I believe, if we had voted, we would

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