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SENATOR R. LEWIS: Maybe I was remiss in not explaining this. In many of the public power districts in the State of Nebraska there are areas being served by directors and the customers themselves have no idea what these areas are or who actually serves them as director. Now since this is a public power state and the customer has no appeal except to the board of directors, we're trying to define the areas served by each director and to identify the director when his term expires so that if the customers feel that he is not doing an able job that they are in a position, before election day, to find another director and to present their cause.

SPEAKER: Is there further discussion? Are you ready for the question? Question is shall the bill be advanced as amended? All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, 18 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill as amended is advanced. L.B. 145.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 145. Introduced by Senator Lewis of the 38th district. (read) There appear to be no committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Any amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Yeah. There is an amendment, Mr. President (read)

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Will you explain the amendment?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, this amendment was put on here as a result of a consultation with the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and the Nebraska Stockgrowers Association who felt that being permissive in sales might limit them from buying some tracts that were locked within their ranches or adjacent to them and we did, at a regular meeting of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, have a, or have the President of the Nebraska Stockgrowers present and we worked out this, this particular wording and it appears to be perfectly acceptable to both the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and the Nebraska Stockgrowers. I move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any discussion on the amendment. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. This perfectly harmless amendment to the bill, I see no reason why it needs to be added but it's okay with me to have it put on. The reason why I'm speaking this way is that members of this Legislature know that back in 1965 I was the introducer of the bill to sell the school lands and I see no particular reason for the amendment. I think we just as well put it on however, but at the present time or at any time, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds would be willing to consider what anybody would want to do or say. They would listen, and, in my judgment normally they'd turn it down because they have been against the sale of school lands all these years. They've voted almost unanimously not to sell them so I don't think this amendment is really going to do much good because they won't sell them anyway. They don't want to sell them and the representative of the Governor who came in and spoke, said in reply to a question that I made of the committee in another bill which is very similar to this, that if there are lots around say a certain lake in the State, we'll just lease it to these people who want to put a \$30,000 home on it and so, the Board simply is not in the mood to sell anything and so I don't think the amendment would do any good but I'm going to vote in favor of it.