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you are holding in your hand.

CLERK: OK. Well then this other set of committee amendments you don't need at all, do you?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's right.

CLERK: Mr. President, then I do have a motion to amend the committee amendments by striking the word "state". Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: So the question before the house is the amendment to the committee amendment. Is there any further discussion? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the committee amendment passes. The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I move the adoption of the amended committee amendment report.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? There is a motion to adopt the amended committee amendment to the bill. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amended amendment passes. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President--

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Simpson, are you aware that there are further amendments.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes. I would like to explain the bill before those amendments are taken up.

PRESIDENT: Proceed.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, now that the Standing Committee amendments have been adopted, corrected and adopted, and this change is something that probably should have been in the bill. We thought that it implied that but this makes it very clear that there can be a reduction of teachers under certain circumstances when it showed that they are needed and I would agree with that. The other changes in the bill, necessitated by a court action, only do and I'll really put that to you, only do what every school board in the state thought was already in the law. And it has been that way until we had a court case over a specific teacher in one of our smaller districts and the court said that without the inclusion of "just cause" that it did not say that. So we have come back in to add this on for Class I, II, III and VI Districts. Four and five have a separate tenure law of their own. This is a continuing contract and without this the school board must go through the process but then don't have to pay any attention to what they did and that is quite a joke. I think now that under this they will have a procedure. It shows specifically what reasons they can use to review the teachers and notify them that they are not up to proper standards and that they then shall be dismissed for just cause. I've had some very disturbing information come to me directly from teachers told by school