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don't like their recent court decision in Omaha but we have got to do something in terms of setting out some procedures. It is not going to break my heart what you do with the bill but I am just telling you that this is an attempt on the part of our Committee to take Senator Fowler's bill and put that in some reasonable guidelines for the local district, and if anybody in there finds something that would adversely affect the student and the district or the personnel, I would appreciate your bringing it to my attention.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and particularly, Senator Dickinson, as I read my book, the public hearing on this particular proposal was the 4th of March of 1975. Surely, between the 4th of March and today, there has been ample time for any problems to be brought to our attention. Therefore, I support LB 503 and I hope the other members of the Legislature will do likewise.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. President, I feel there is a misunderstanding on this bill in one of the areas, in the rural districts, that it may create problems for them. I feel that this is the very need of the bill. The large urban districts like Omaha, Bellevue, Lancaster County have legal help now to spell out the guidelines. They have procedures that will hold up in court and they are not really vulnerable to getting, running themselves in a lot of trouble with these court decisions. But in the rural districts, if they proceed without either checking with legal help that would have to set up similar guidelines to the bill for them in procedures at their own expense, they are really potentially in trouble. The rural and the smaller districts are really the recipients of the benefits of this bill, setting up guidelines that people that can read and write adequately can set up procedures for expulsion that will hold up in court. And we tried to make it compatible for the parents, the families, where they got a fair hearing and covered guidelines for this. I certainly wouldn't recommend we carry it off Final Reading and that no Senator study the bill in detail. If we have a detail, we have made an error that will create a problem, I think we still...we had a lot of hashing over and tried to work out all these details. It does have a lot of detail in it and I think it could demand further study but if problems come up, I think it is almost a must that we work them out, pass the bill on, and work out these problems but we will dump a lot of rural districts with some real problems if we don't have guidelines. It is mandated by the court decisions. They have set up that they have to have procedures, and if they don't, they are in real trouble. Thank you.