

wouldn't you be specific like that?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Dworak, there may be a day when we have problems with office space again and we will move the Commissioner somewhere else. Not too long ago the Commissioner of Education was located in the Cengas Building down here on Tenth Street so why not just say it shall be located in the City of Lincoln. That gives you some flexibility in terms of constitutional offi s and where they may be moved dependent upon space availability. That is the reason for it.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Koch, a question, for my edification only. Why is the Commissioner of Education located in the City of Lincoln? Has that been traditional? Is there some reason for that?

SENATOR KOCH: No, originally the bill said that it would be located in the State Capitol Building, and for many years the Commissioner has not been in this building. The office has been different places, now, presently, the SOB building. So to merely prevent that kind of thing from happening again, it was thought that it would be best just to say the Commissioner of Education's office shall be located in the City of Lincoln.

SENATOR STONEY: But has it been tradition that it be located in Lincoln? Why not Kearney or Omaha?

SENATOR KOCH: Well, I would imagine the reason we used Lincoln was this is where the State Capitol is located and this is where the Department of Education is located also.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the motion to advance LB 289? If not, do you wish to close, Senator Koch? Closing is waived. The question before the House is the advancement of LB 289 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and LB 289 is advanced to E & R Initial. We will proceed to agenda item #6 on Select File, LB 70. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.