

balcony of Senator Beyer and several of the rest of us, Senator Tom Fitzgerald who served here for many years from Omaha. It's good to see you, Tom. Welcome. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to amend the bill by striking section. (McFarland amendment appears on page 677 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: This is the amendment that I talked about and I won't be very long with this. It is my understanding that sometimes when you do a reorganization of school district that that process can take, in extreme cases, as long as 100 days. Of course, if this bill would pass with the emergency clause, then that might cause some problems with school districts who have contemplated reorganization this year but wouldn't be able to comply with the act. Therefore, I have moved to just strike the emergency clause so that assuming this bill passes and is voted upon and approved and signed by the Governor, that the provisions really, for all practical purposes, would not take effect until the next academic year and it would give school districts advance warning of the April 1 date by which they would have to make their decision and form the particular governing board and everything, so I would just move that you strike the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator McFarland's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (Lamb amendment appears on page 678 of the Legislative Journal.)