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LB 719, 840

bill will help Nebraska become competitive and stay competitive. With that, I would like to urge the body to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 840. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 840.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 840 is advanced. I would like to now direct the senators attention to the south balcony, guests of Senator Crosby today are 50 fourth graders from Morley Elementary School in Lincoln with their teachers. Would you please rise and be welcomed to the Legislature this morning. Thank you. We will proceed with LB 719

CLERK: Madam President, 719 was a bill introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee, Madam President. (See AM0873 on page 1340 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, LB 719 was introduced at the bill introduction deadline as primarily a shell bill. It changed a date by one date. Obviously, that was not a significant enough change to introduce a bill around. What I did was I introduced the bill with the idea and understanding that those affected by the school affiliation process needed to bring to us a full plate of changes that they agreed to make this affiliation process function as we, in the Legislature, intended it to last year. They have done so, I should say all affected parties except one, I believe, it is fair to characterize the position of the Nebraska School Improvement Association to continue to be in opposition to the bill that was passed as LB 259 last year. But all of the other affected parties have, in essence, agreed on the majority of things, changes that needed to take place to make this affiliation process operate. Because the law says by February 1 of next year, this affiliation process must be accomplished, and beings there are lots of deadlines to be met, it is important