

advance LB 841. All those in favor say aye. Oppose no. It is advanced. Go to LB 643.

CLERK: LB 643, Mr. President, I do have E & R pending first of all.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I move adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 643.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 643. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pedersen would move to amend the bill. (See AM2397 on pages 2440-41 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment does nothing more than hook in the present study committee or group that is doing the work on studying of the possibility of what they want to do with the School for the Deaf. We have a group of people now that are serving on that committee, and we like the composure, the organizational group that they have there, and this will tie it in that they will keep the group that they presently have. I've talked to Senator Rasmussen about this a couple of times, and it is down now where we both agree on it, and I would urge your support of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as Senator Pedersen has indicated, I do support this amendment. The bill, itself, says that the department, no, the Board of Education shall do a study. What we are simply doing with this amendment is clarifying that a study committee, which is representative of various people interested in this issue, the requirements that Senator Pedersen has put in this amendment correctly reflect the existing study committee, and I appreciate this amendment because it makes it very clear that this is the group that is to do the study for us on developing the plan for children who have hearing impairments or who are deaf, and I would urge you to