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then you would be required to file at the appropriate time a conflict of interest statement. So you have two different ways of treating one particular group of public officials. This amendment would put all school board members in the second category. We would take out the bifurcation, you would not...we wouldn't distinguish between \$15 million above or below. If you're a school board member then you would be required to file a conflict of interest statement in a situation as spelled out in this bill, when such a statement would be appropriate. That's the essence of the amendment. If you have any questions, I'd be pleased to try to address them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Debate on the Raikes amendment to LB 242? Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Let me...let me just run through this again. Currently, the way the bill is written, a school board member that serves on a school board with a budget of greater than \$15 million would be required to file a financial disclosure statement. If the school board has a budget of less than \$15 million, you would not be required to file a financial disclosure statement, but you would be required to do a conflict of interest at the appropriate time. Now interestingly, the...going back to the first one, if you...if you're on the big budget school board, then you're not required to file a conflict of interest. You do have to file a financial disclosure but not a conflict of interest. This puts everybody in the category of needing to file a conflict of interest statement. With that, I'll stop and urge your adoption. Thank you. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Question is the adoption of the Raikes amendment to LB 242. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Raikes' amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.