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LB 125

CLERK: (Read title to LB 125.) The bill was read on January 9. It was referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Koch's Education Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the committee amendments? The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I think the committee amendments are the bill now so I hope you will look at it and know what you are doing. I only want to discuss the amendments now. This is a combination bill that came up. I believe Senator Stoney had a bill in concerning four and five classed school districts. I had one for class one school districts and we combined them with a bill that was in the Education Committee. That is what the amendments are and they make the bill now. I don't know if Senator Stoney would want to explain at this time his part of it. It really comes before mine in the bill. I would yield to Senator Stoney if he would like to explain the four and five class.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly, the reason that I offered LB 157 was because one of the subdistrict school board members of the City of Omaha advised me that there was no provision in our statutes to recall school board members and doing research we found that there was no justified reason for this being the case and that was the reason that LB 157 was introduced and it has been combined. 125 will address all school districts so there is a provision for recall in each.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you, Senator Stoney. Now the part that I was interested in, if you have your bill book open, it is the last page of the white copy which starts with about line 17 and we had to write a different statute for class one school districts because they do not have their election in the same process as the others. They have a school board meeting once a year or more and then elect from those present, their board or they are the ones that do the electing. Sometimes a board member is not there. So with the help of the Secretary of State's office and Ralph Englert in particular, we wrote the language that