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LB 85

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendments to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion lost. The amendment failed. Now the amendment. Senator Landis, do you wish to move the committee amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I move the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 85.

SENATOR CLARK: You have all heard the motion. Is there any discussion? I have two lights on. Senator Koch and Senator Lamb. Do either one of you want to talk to the amendment? You want to talk to the bill. Now you have heard the motion, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Committee amendments. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion passed. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Fowler on the bill.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think in discussing the amendments the bill was pretty well explained. With the amendments it is limited considerably from the original concept. Essentially now what we have is an option where a school board may, if it so chooses, allow the school buses to be used to transport senior citizens for senior citizens' services. This will primarily be used, I guess, now in the summer and perhaps on weekends. It is far less, I guess, than I had originally hoped to see but it certainly is something we can start with and see how the program goes. As I indicated, this bill was never intended or proposed to solve senior citizen transportation problems across the state. It would just allow another option and a little flexibility. When Senator Haberman brings his million dollar bill out on the legislative floor, that may be in fact something that we should adopt as well. But I think this is at least an option. It is permissive. Other states have adopted it. They do use it in states such as Tennessee. It does not have all the problems that I think have been conjured up in peoples' imagination. It is something that is workable and I think it is something that we