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LB 427

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I don't like mandating these costs on local subdivisions of government on local school districts. As I read the bill we are asking them to pay certain portions of this cost for these people coming to Lincoln or going some place else to serve some function that may or may not benefit directly to his local subdivisions of government. I have no problem with authorizing the cost but why mandate it? Create the authorization, make it possible to do it but not mandate it, so by striking "shall" and inserting "may" we would accomplish this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wiitala, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Senator Dworak is misinterpreting. The school district picks up the total cost now when various members of their professional staff are tapped to serve on a state advisory committee. What we are saying is the State Department of Education shall reimburse the school district whereas the school district now is paying it all and we are saying State Department shall pay the district for certain kinds of costs that have been incurred by a district to allow that professional staff to serve on an advisory committee at the state's request. So, I suggest we do not adopt Senator Dworak's amendment because what we are trying to do is just the opposite. We are trying to relieve the local school district from burdens of cost because their professional staffs are serving in an advisory capacity of the state in education. That is all we are saying, they shall reimburse them in travelling and \$60 a day for substitute teachers, whatever. Presently the school picks it all up. So I suggest we do not adopt Senator Dworak's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I ask for unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. Okay, Senator Kremer, do you wish to be recognized? The motion is to advance the bill.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, I rise to speak in support of LB 427. I think when Senator Koch explained the amendment proposed by Senator Dworak and that he had misinterpreted the intention of the bill. It does reimburse the local school district when the teacher is asked to