

Senator Stoney's amendment to bring it back to Select File. This bill has had its hearing waived from General File, Select File, it was attacked several times, again on E & R it was attacked again. I don't think that it is appropriate that we attack it one more time. So, I request that the body does not return the bill to E & R for specific amendment but leave it there and go on with the Final Reading. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm sure that you naturally would expect me to stand and oppose Senator Stoney's amendment, which I am going to do. He is a good friend of my mine and a close seat mate and I recognize his sincerity and what he feels he needs to do. Mr. President and members of the Legislature by that same token I have co-signed LB 17 with Senator Koch believing that I have a responsibility too. I think that those two school systems which have operated differently for two years than other school systems in this state have paid their penalty long enough. Senator Stoney, I want to remind you, that in my district and in Nebraska City there are two factions on this subject. I have to live with both of them. It was a problem for them and us the way the original lid bill was written and the chance to take it off was not very good. I think now without any question even a good share, as I have visited with people in Nebraska City, a good share of those that supported the zero base lid are willing to let us do it and take it off so that all school systems are going to be on the same level now with the same opportunity to proceed as the tax payers see fit. We are not taking away the right of the people for a petition. No way does 17 do that. I'll grant you that it does not give them the right to take off that which they have imposed. I think the zero base was an improper imposition to begin with and I can tell you that they are suffering. I would hope that this body would put everyone on the same level starting with the same game plan and rules this time. I would ask you to not support returning this bill for the specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The Omaha School District voters approved the lid in August, 1979 by a 60 to 40% margin. I'm standing here in support of Senator Stoney's motion. At no time during the last two years, at