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to have a student sit on the school board, that would no longer be a problem. Young people who support the bill have written from all over the state from Shickley, Fremont, Ralston, Papillion, some have been pursuing this idea for three or more years and the Student Councils Association of Nebraska also supports this bill. Again, we're not mandating anything in this bill. We're only making the machinery available to school boards who may want to have a student representative on the board and to show that they do want student input into some of their policy decisions. I would ask your support in advancing LB 440 to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose LB 440 but before I talk on that I'm glad that it was a simple amendment so that Senator Koch didn't have any trouble explaining it to us. In regards to 440, if a student wants to have input into the school board now they can go to the school board meeting. Therefore, I see no reason to have to put them on the school board. Senator Kilgarin says that it is voluntary. Well what she is going to do if you vote for this bill, you're going to put a lot of pressure on the local school board. They're going to have to come up and defend themselves as to why not. Now what are we going to do in the case of confidentiality of discussing the faculty. Let's say some faculty member has to be talked about and do you want a student there? And the student goes out with his girl friend or his boy friend and says, "Hey, boy, you should have been at the school board meeting. We had that private confidentiality meeting about Mr. So and So. Let me tell you..." And wham! The rumors start around the school. Don't tell me this isn't going to happen because it is going to happen. Now Senator Kilgarin could have gone to the school board meetings when she was in high school. What about confidentiality reports on students that are given by the principals to the school board? Do you mean to tell me that some students are going to sit there and hear these kind of reports and not go out and tell the other students? Sure they are. They may do it deliberately or they may do it by accident sometime when a word or two slips or when they have a beer or two. They might say, "Boy, being on the school board this is what I learned. Let me tell you about Susie So and So." I think we are setting a very, very dangerous precedent here. Now a class officer, elections of class officers in many, many, many

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