

cases are a popularity contest. The election of a class officer is not upon the quality of the student or their understanding of any problems, it is how popular they are. That is how you get to be in many, many cases a class officer. So having one of the qualifications being a class officer doesn't cut too much mustard with me. In Douglas County the poorest voting record according to the voting commissioner is the eighteen and nineteen year olds. Now if they don't care to vote into an election why should we extend to them the privilege of sitting on a board that is elected?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So I would say to you, let's don't put the pressure on the local school board to have to come up and defend themselves. Let's leave it the way it is. Let's let them run for the school board if they want to, let them attend the school board meetings if they want to and have their input but I don't feel that they should be in on the meetings that teachers, where they discuss teachers' confidentiality, where they talk about problems of other students. I don't think this is a student's business to be in on this. This is the school board's business. So I ask you to oppose 440 and not put the school board in a bind as to having to come up and say no and have articles in the paper and have the students carry placards and raise a lot of you know what because the school board says no. Let's just leave it the way it is. When they get old enough let them run for the school board and serve if they want to. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, perhaps a question of Senator Kilgarin and the question would be, would this student board member be excluded from the executive sessions that the school board might go into or would they be allowed to attend those?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Senator Kahle, thank you for asking that question. They would be excluded from these personnel decisions simply for the reason Senator Haberman stated. Maybe I should have brought that up in my initial introduction of the bill but they would be excluded from these personnel decisions for the very reason Senator Haberman stated so his concern is unwarranted.

SENATOR KAHLE: So if they were student members and the board went into executive session they would not be able to attend. That is what you are saying?