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says, I haven't seen any lawsuits. I haven't gotten any letters from anybody saying support this and if they want to invite a group of students in to come in and sit on the school board and have input I think that is perfectly within their right to do so. There is no law against it but I sure don't think we have to pass a law for it. So I will ask you to vote no on LB 440.

SENATOR CLARK: I now have the privilege of calling on an exsuperintendent. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think it would be a very foolish school board that didn't invite students to come to their meetings to take part in them and give them a chance to voice their feelings about various issues to present the problems that they have in the school. They should always be welcome but it seems to me that the things that Senator Kilgarin suggests this bill to do that any school board can do today. Senator Haberman raised a question that I wanted to ask of Senator Kilgarin. I did not find in the bill that they could be kept out of executive session and I think very definitely that Senator Kilgarin should be given a chance to respond to that and I wondered if she would respond to that question now.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes. Senator Remmers, my interpretation of the bill is that they don't have to be included in executive sessions, however, to answer Senator Haberman's concern and your concern, Senator Wiitala and myself, Senator Wiitala will offer an amendment on Select File or we can offer it now if you prefer, I was just thinking for time's sake, that will say, "any nonvoting student member of the board shall have the privilege of attending all open meetings of the board but shall be excluded from the executive sessions." We can offer that now or we can offer that on Select File. To clarify. Yes, I think it already says that but to clarify it we're going to offer this.

SENATOR REMMERS: Thank you. I don't think the bill says that now and I would be very concerned if it was not included but even then if you include that I see very little need for the bill because I think that they can do that now, I think school boards, in fact, again I'd say the wise school board is already doing that. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins. The question has been