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LB 338

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Koch.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I have a question for Senator Koch please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, will you yield?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I do not see a record of the opposition of the School Board of the City of Lincoln tabulated. They did have one distributed. Are you aware of that and do you have any comment on that where they say...?

SENATOR KOCH: I am not familiar with that, Senator.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: ..."We believe such specific of a requirement should be issued as rules and regulations by the State Department of Education not as law by the State Legislature."

SENATOR KOCH: I wasn't aware of that. Obviously the lobbyist didn't see me but I am quite familiar with the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Prasch, and I have much respect for him and he has never indicated to me that he feels that LB 338 is harmful or would be damaging to the public schools. This is our way of putting rules and regulations into law rather than some other agency.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Koch a question. Senator Koch, the number of hours prescribed in this bill for education, do they differ in any way with the number of hours required today?

SENATOR KOCH: Not a great deal. By and large, Senator Higgins, if you check most of your systems now, those are minimal hours and you can probably check with Senator Remmers who is a former administrator and knows this as well as anyone else. They are approved standard hours, is what they are, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: As I read this bill, could it just as easy be a resolution?

SENATOR KOCH: No, because I think it is important this body places into law an intent for role and mission of the public schools, what their thrust should be.

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