

urge you to vote to adopt this amendment which would keep the students out of the executive session of the school board meetings. I move for advancement.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion? Any discussion at all on the bill? Did you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR KILGARIN: No, adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: I'm sorry. Is there any discussion on the amendment? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Wiitala amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Senator Kilgarin, on the bill.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes, what the bill does is it's permissive legislation and I talked to most of you about it. It allows a student to sit as a nonvoting member of a school board if the school board members so desire to do that. It would be like the president of the student council and in Omaha's case it would probably be president of the citywide student council. Now many students have written me about this bill and I'm sure some of you maybe have received letters. If you will remember Senator Wiitala handed out an article about...or Senator Wesely I think it was, handed out an article about a fourteen year old who is running for the Weed Control Board or something like that. I don't necessarily think that fourteen year olds should be running for boards like that but I do think that that shows that young people are interested in our government and it shows that they are concerned and they would like to become involved. And I think this is a good way to get them started. They don't have a vote but they do have a voice. They can learn how board meetings are run, how agendas are set up, what type of issues the school board deals with and yet at the same time it is discretionary at the request of the school board. If the school board doesn't feel that a student should be on the school board even as a non-voting member, they do not have to allow a student to serve in that position. I would urge your support of advancement of LB 440 and I thank you for your support on the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Kilgarin, I wasn't here last time but as I've read the bill with your amendment and I am saying this not critically because I am going to vote for the bill but it does nothing. I mean, they can