

do tht now, can't they? A school board could do something?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes, they could do something although in present law some school boards in western Nebraska, Senator DeCamp, are questioning whether or not they can allow a student to sit because of the wording which is in the bill that says the board shall consist of so many members and if there is a nonvoting member. That would increase that and they wouldn't be statutorily technically correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, so you're just saying they can do what they can do.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Well, yes and no. I am saying that technically this bill should pass so that what they are doing is correct because some of them already are letting a student sit on the board and it is working out quite well.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support Senator Kilgarin's legislation in its current form. My first experience with government was as Hemlingford High School's first representative on the school board and it was in a similar capacity. I didn't vote but I did have the opportunity to participate and they frequently asked questions about activities and about teacher evaluations and other things and it was kind of an interesting experience. I also think that as one of the younger individuals in the Legislature still that I am living proof of the fact that all young people are not wild, conservative Democrats like Wesley and some of the others in here so you shouldn't be threatened by letting a few young conservative Republicans sit on school boards.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion? Senator Kilgarin, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KILGARIN: I think that Sam's testimony or Sam's speaking there was very adequate. I appreciate that very much and Sam is living proof of the fact that young people do get involved and they want to and they are not all liberals, right? But out in western Nebraska I think a lot of students out there would like to be involved in their school board. I would urge your support for this and I won't take up any more time. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 440. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.