

I think, that are inappropriate like the student on a school board the other day, I thought that was amusing, little thing, not worth very much. So I am here to say to you, I hope you reject Senator Goll's amendments because by and large Senator Goll is a complete supporter of the Req. #2607. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Goll's amendment. What his amendment says, the first part of his amendment says merely that the small schools in the state will have the same length of time before tenure is granted as the big schools. What is wrong with that? Have three years just like Omaha and Lincoln. It takes about the same length of time to develop a good teacher in small schools as it does in big schools. It gives an extra year there for the superintendent and principal to work with that teacher to make that teacher into a better teacher so that teacher is not just fired. The only alternative now is as you come up to that deadline which comes and it is not two years, you know, it's about a year and a half, the superintendent and school board has to make the decision and the decision is this. Either fire the teacher or keep the teacher permanently and so they're not willing to take that chance if they haven't had enough time to work with that teacher and make that teacher into a better one. This amendment that Senator Goll has is good for education, it's good for the teachers. I would urge you to support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Goll amendment but I think the reasons we have to look at why Senator Goll's amendment is not as good a proposal as Senator Goll would like it to be, they're very simple. This bill as it was introduced was intended to do what Senator Lamb just suggested, create that uniformity. Now that uniformity for many a year has been two years out state and three to five years in your larger school districts. And the history of that is very simple. What happened was that this Legislature, because of an Attorney General's opinion, passed legislation that made it two years in Omaha and Lincoln as school boards and as their educational associations decided that they did not want to be in the same piece of legislation at that time. That was a decision and this Legislature honored that decision, recognized that decision and basically passed it into law and so Lincoln and Omaha stayed with their unique tenure system which authorized three to five years. Now the bill that I introduced was to create that kind of uniformity that Senator Lamb suggests.