

RECESS

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record your presence, please. Senator Beutler, would you.... Senator Cullan, will you please record your presence. Senator Koch. Senator Warner. Senator Kilgarin. Senator Cope. Senator Wesely. Senator Fowler. Senator Schmit. Senator Rumery. Senator Newell. Senator Lamb. Senator Lowell Johnson. Senator Dworak. Senator Goodrich. Senator Hoagland. Senator Marsh. Senator Remmers. Senator Nichol. Senator Pirsch. Senator Stoney. Senator Haberman. Senator Carsten. Senator Labedz and Senator Higgins. Record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President. Mr. President, when we last left LB 259 there was pending the committee amendments offered by the Education Committee and I now have an amendment from Senator Goll to the Education Committee amendments, Mr. President. I believe copies have been distributed to the membership.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, later this morning I did explain a portion of the amendment to the amendments which we will now take up and I would simply remind you that the second part of my amendment changes one word and this one word is the word "hearings" to "conferences." As I stated previously my reasoning for the change in these words is merely to temper the inherent meeting which I think is what we intended to do. To reiterate what I said previously, a conference indicates by definition a meeting, consultation or discussion. The word hearing indicates a session of an investigative committee which testimony is to be taken, preliminary examination. I would move for this passage of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to be recognized and then Senator Koch?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I simply wish to speak briefly against the amendment and I wish to speak against it because the amendment essentially does nothing and is entirely unnecessary and the proponents for the amendment have not claimed that it does do anything. Right now in the wording of the bill we have the terms informal hearing and formal hearing and the proposed amendment would change it to conference versus formal hearing. Now what the bill actually provides is for this informal hearing for probationary teachers and the informal hearing is