

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Beck, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BECK: Again, I just appeal to the body to limit the language, the fact that there has been so much misunderstanding about it tells me that the language should be eliminated and changed. I think that if someone wants to...is concerned about religious prejudice and so forth and so on, then they ought to define that and bring in a bill that we cover that. I don't know how we will handle it in our public schools because that is, again, I would say getting into the murky water of church and state delineation, and I would want to stay away from that. My intent here was a friendly amendment to narrow the bill's scope a bit so that there would not be any problem later on in the classroom, and that is all, and I would hope that the members of the body would look at it in that way and vote for the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the closing, and the question is the adoption of the Beck amendment to LB 250. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to amend the bill. The amendment is on page 1270 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Before recognizing Senator Schimek, I am pleased to announce that Senator Crosby has some guests in our north balcony. We have 75 sixth grade students from Morley Elementary in Lincoln with their teacher. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you for coming. Thank you for visiting with us this morning. Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, my amendment is a rather simple amendment and it would on line 4, or on page 4, line 20, after the word "board", would simply insert that the board may issue a temporary certificate to any teacher or administrator who is first employed in a Nebraska school after July 1st and who meets all other requirements but