

SENATOR LABEDZ: All those in favor of the advancement of LB 250...I am sorry. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I am sorry, Just wanted to put something into the record here, and I think Senator Hartnett does also. Senator Chambers had some concerns about the bill on General File and I understood where those concerns were, that is this just going to be a bill that the Legislature passes something saying they want something good to happen but there is nothing in it to make it happen? There has been kind of a dialogue here between...a delicate balance between adding new courses and new tests on teachers for this, trying to blend it into the existing curriculum, and the fear is, if we blend it into the existing curriculum, will there be anything left? It is my intent, as Chair of the Education Committee, to introduce a study resolution to, immediately following, prior to the implementation of the bill, even, to study what is being done in our teachers colleges, and, basically, to put them on notice that we expect them to take note of this statute and to actually put some things into their curriculum that carry out the intent of this, not necessarily new courses, new requirements, but things in existing curriculums. I think Senator Hartnett has some remarks about his experiences in teachers colleges on some of the things that are being done today.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to speak on the advancement? Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, I think, and members, maybe ask Senator Hall a question, this does not require a new course, is that...?

SENATOR HALL: That is correct, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I guess that because I deal in this area, my, I call it my real job, but I think we do it, the institution that employs me the other part of the year tried to provide some experiences for students in this area of human relations by visiting schools and experiences out in the schools, so I guess I do not want to have to add more layers of things that we do. I think we probably do a pretty good job and many of our people like to be employed by the Omaha Public Schools in the Omaha area afterwards, even though they may come from different places across the country. So my concern was that we are going to add another course, and so forth, so thank