

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Senator Schimek would amend her bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, this is a very simple amendment that would be inserted into line 18, on page 2; line 18, on page 2, and it would just insert "public" before the word "schools", and all public schools. This makes the language consistent with that that is on page 3 that also refers to all public schools. I just want that as a clarification amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any discussion on that? Okay. The question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Schimek amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Schimek amendment is adopted. Senator Schimek, would you like to discuss the bill?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, LB 514, which is on your desk, is a bill which has had some good committee discussion but I think that we need to make everybody aware of what this bill actually does. The bill would expand the existing statute, 79-1270, which provides for learning experiences for substance abuse, abuse and misuse, and it would expand it into 10 other areas, the areas of personal health and physical fitness, mental and emotional health, prevention and control of disease, nutrition and weight control, accident prevention and safety, community and health...and environmental health, consumer health, family education, death and dying, and mental retardation. Now, in addition to expanding vertically into these different areas, the bill would also suggest that we teach health education in grades K through 12. One of the things that I found in reading about what students know and don't know, what students have learned and not learned in health education classes in schools where they already exist is that too many of them have health education just in junior high