

financial needs.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Conway amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Conway's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Conway amendment is adopted. Just in the way, it is my understanding that what you're hearing will be a tornado warning or tornado drill but we're not leaving. The instructions are to stay here and pay attention to business, so we'll try to ignore it as much as possible. Thank you. Any other further amendments on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend LB 457. (Warner amendment appears on page 1656 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a piece of legislation that I'd probably be smart to stay in my seat since I saw there were two banks that appeared at the hearing over in my district, one for it and one against it, which leaves me I suppose in the middle, but as I was listening to the discussion this morning about how this would be good for a statewide purpose, I thought well, if that's right, then maybe that's what we ought to do. So the amendment I put up there struck the reference to the counties over 60,000. It just simply makes it statewide. I assume the arguments are applicable statewide if they are applicable to three counties. It seemed reasonable at least. And I thought I would see how the body would feel. There isn't any difference, you know, once you get outside the city limits of Lincoln, I'm talking about Lancaster County, there isn't any difference once you get outside the city limits. It's rural area and small towns. It's like Seward County or any number of other counties across the state, the differences is none as a matter of fact. And then I got to thinking back how we do these things. The script is usually the same, something that is controversial we limit to an area in which in this case it's roughly 21 senators from those three counties, 28 of you unaffected, so you can vote any way you might like. And then of course, after it gets enacted in those three counties, then you have...a couple of years from now you have 21 senators who are unaffected because they already