

benefited but how the adults, who want to control, manage and operate the system are to be benefited. LR 239 is not before us because we're that concerned about the curriculum offerings and how well they meet the needs of the students. There have been some activities which can be described in the broader sense of the word "political", of a political nature that probably contributed to the bringing of LR 239. But sometimes a good thing can emerge from a bad situation and, in my opinion, something good would be the adoption of this amendment that would put, on an equal footing, the question of whether students on this board will vote with all of the other aspects of LR 239. The way to do that is to accept this amendment. Then when the matter goes to the ballot, it will be one package. This will be one time that a vote on a subject which supposedly encompasses the idea of better education will go toward that to some extent. I believe that the student representative will not only be more conversant with and attuned to those things that pertain to the students, but a greater and more effective advocate. The student will not be humored, the student will not be talked down to, if the student has the power to vote. If these radical changes that are to be wrought by 239 can be sold to the public, that same public which would vote for this restructuring, I believe, would vote to give the student representative the right to vote as a member of that board. So if you have it in your heart to recognize the validity of student representation, bring to bear on that the wisdom of your mind which tells you that presence on a board without a power to vote is hollow. We don't want to do that to the young people, and I hope you will adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will save time and ask for a call of the house now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails and the house is under call. All members please return to your seats and record your presence. Those members outside the Legislative Chamber, please return and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor. Senator Kristensen, would you check in,