

February 11, 1991 LB 76, 209

SENATOR WITHEM: Waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 209. All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 209.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted and LB 209 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 76, introduced by Senators Withem and Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments by the Urban Affairs Committee. I will recognize Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Madam President. On behalf of the Urban Affairs, I would like to present an amendment to LB 76. And, basically, what happened in discussion of LB 76, we discovered that it was going to have some impact on the apportionment of dollars regarding school districts. And so to clean this up, we are proposing an amendment that says that this bill only applies to those counties with a population in excess of 100,000 persons. And I think that this will clarify the issue regarding to the school districts.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Does anyone wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, a year ago, as you remember, when LB 259 passed, I had indicated that I no longer wanted to engage in battles over school district reorganization and Class Is versus different science classes and I was very sincere in that statement. My city administrator in LaVista brought me a bill that he said would impact on LaVista and he made a good strong case for the bill as to why it would be beneficial to our area. So I introduced a bill. Lo and behold, and I should have known better, at the committee hearing, it's LB 662 and all of those school reorganization fights all over again because I had neglected to consider the impact on city annexation onto school district annexation. What this amendment does, I think, is allow us to