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if not consolidating, their busing efforts. As many of you know, busing in special education is one of the most expensive items in special education. And one of the school districts has done a study to look at ways to coordinate the busing services between several of the school districts. And this bill would simply eliminate one of the barriers that some schools feel they have in order to do that. I would urge your support of this bill, and keep in mind that it is permissive language and not mandating anything. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Are there any senators who wish to debate this bill? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 700. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 700 is advanced. LB 166.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 166 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Coordsen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 11, referred to the Education Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. LB 166 is another one of my fairness bills. It changes the language for part-time or half-time teachers to become tenured. And I'm looking for the bill. There is a committee amendment on it that Senator Withem will address. But current law states that a teacher may become tenured or have their time counted for tenure, if they teach one-half time or more than one-half time. What has happened from that in some of our smaller schools is that, basically, the kindergarten teachers are never able to achieve tenure in that system. There is a provision in statute for teachers that teach more than half-time, is that they can gradually accumulate the three years that are necessary for tenure over a more lengthy period of time. What I've done with LB 66 (sic) is to change, make a minor change in the law, and it's only a one page bill, which changes the language from "more than one-half time" to "one-half