

it. In other words, the school boards with 65 percent can vote to change their boundaries so both boards have to agree. Number three, the growth districts get their money when they need it. They get it a year earlier. I can defend and, by the way, let me say I can defend everything that's in the bill right now. The growth districts get their money a year early and I took that as part of my amendment because I thought it was fair. It doesn't make any sense to me to give somebody that's starving some food the year after they die. That's stretching it a little bit but, nevertheless, it's almost the situation. Why not give them the money when they need it? Then Senator Lynch had the amendment on there which if the Court of Industrial Relations tells the school district they have to increase salaries then it gives them that authority under the lid. Then we have Senator Lindsay's amendment which, in essence, says that growth districts don't lose when they qualify for growth. I've had a lot of trouble understanding why any growth district, when they qualify for this extra money because of growth, would actually lose. I think I'm beginning to understand it. I think in Omaha's case, under the quirks of the formula, it's because they're such a large district. So when you take money from this whole pool to fund the growth, Omaha contributes a lot of money because they're so big. And so even though they get money for growth, they don't get as much as they contribute and it's primarily, I believe completely, because they're so much larger than the other district. Those are the five things that are in the bill. I hope you would vote to advance the bill and I would ask for a voice vote. No, I guess I won't do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Question is the advancement of LB 719. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Has everyone voted? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 719.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 719 advances. We are now going to go to the bills that I mentioned earlier as far as bills that were clean that are on Select File to try to move some bills across to move those up to bill drafters office. First we have LB 542.

CLERK: Senator Will, I have E & R amendments pending to 542,