

balcony for Exec Session

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, to open on the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Bohlke explained that basically this is part of a settlement agreement. It involves this bill. It involves legislation by the federal government. It seeks to correct an error that was made, not a careless error but an error that Nebraska and Kansas and a whole number of states made with respect to the treatment of impact aid and redist...in 1059's and similar type formulas. It is basically a solution that I think has been agreed upon by every school district in the state. I don't know of any opposition to it. It is...it would be very well if we could pull this off because if we can, basically, about \$3 million of federal money is going to be there to hold us harmless for most of the mistake that was made. So, in other words, if we can pass this bill, we can redistribute about \$900,000 in state aid and make everything right with all the school districts. If we cannot pass this bill, we're going to have to come up with nearly \$4 million of money somewhere to make school districts right. So that's basically what the bill is all about. And there are lots of other things I would like to tell you about it if we had a little more time, but it's essential that we get this passed so that the federal government can act so this matter can be cleaned up this year.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the motion to advance. Senator Hartnett, your light is next, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Hall, members of the body, simply rise to support the bill. I think Bellevue District is one of the districts, as Senator Bohlke on the amendment or in the committee amendment mentioned, so I simply rise to support it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Warner Waives off. Is there anyone else who cares to discuss the advancement to E & R Initial? Seeing none, Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is, shall LB 542 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 542.