

CLERK: LB 372, Mr. President, by Senator Chambers. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to Education, there are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, the committee amendments just clarify by adding the word "elected" members and I think that meets the concerns of Senator Chambers and would allow that a majority is just needed for those elected, not necessarily present.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Any discussion on the committee amendments? Hearing none, the vote is on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Chambers, to open on the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have not been goldbricking. There is a visitor here from Ghana who is the editor of the Ghanian Times and I was discussing some things about the Legislature and other aspects of this country with him and I got the word that this bill was up so I dashed up the stairs without my glasses and it's been a while since I looked at this bill, but I'm going to tell you what the purpose of it is. And it's a very brief bill. If you look at it, there are five lines of new informa...oh, glasses. Glasses come from everywhere and I appreciate that. Senator Bohlke sure has a small, little head. In fact...in fact, these lenses are so close together, together they cover one of my eyes, but anyway, and I do appreciate this. The purpose of this bill is to make sure that when matters of expenditures will come before the board and the appropriation of money from the funds of the college, there would have to be a majority vote of all the members of the board instead of merely a majority of those present and voting. So you can have a quorum which can conduct other business even if not a majority of all the members would be there to vote on that. In other words, some matters can still be dealt with by a majority of those present and voting, but when it comes to the items mentioned in the bill, and I'll