

April 27, 1995 LB 840A, 840

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker, I'd move to advance LB 840 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I apologize to Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Bohlke, but the brief, like I say, very brief explanation of the amendments and quick vote, could I ask Senator Bohlke to yield to describe both amendments and their impact.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, would you respond to the question?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, I will. The first amendment that sets the sunset date at the year 2005 allows school districts five years to implement it, but recognizing before they even do that there is time that has to be done to possibly do some community planning, to do an efficiency study, all of those things. And so as Senator Bernard-Stevens stated, we're making a statement that this does not...this opportunity does not go on forever, but that it clearly is a set amount of time, and if school districts want to take advantage they have to start planning and moving in that direction. So it's a ten-year time span.

SENATOR WESELY: And the other amendment?

SENATOR BOHLKE: And the other amendment prevents the bill from affecting payments that have already been made to school districts. And it has...there was a technical amendment that said we had to change it from affect to...or from effect to affect. Would you like me to explain that?

SENATOR WESELY: Nope, that's fine, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Any further discussion? Question before the body is, shall LB 840 be advanced to E & R for engrossing? All in favor vote aye, opposed.... All those in favor vote aye. Opposed. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 399. Let's do 840A, instead.