

sponsor but he's not here. I won't say what I feel about the sponsor of the bill. But I'm going to join Senator Bernard-Stevens in discussing 742, all aspects of it as I think they need to be discussed. And I hope when we get through, as we always talk about in terms of adoption and other issues, we will do something that will genuinely be in the best interest of the children, not the school districts, not other programs but the children, that's where my interest is.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no other lights, Senator McKenzie, would you care to close on the motion to advance to E & R Initial.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think it's a good indication for us to spend some time thinking this weekend about your own personal convictions and concerns and questions about this issue as we will be back on the regular bill sometime early next week. Certainly not an easy consideration for us to make, and it would be nice to say we were going to talk about policy without talking about money, but the reality is this program has been driven by money and not by policy. So as you contemplate this weekend and receive phone calls from those members who I know are actively lobbying the bill one way or another, I would encourage you also to talk to some practitioners, if you have a chance, talk to some of the teachers who work with children, regular education and special education, to get a good sense of where you're going to be on this issue when we come back to the discussion about both policy and money as we try to reform what's happened in the state in special education. With that, since we are talking about the A bill and the money this morning, I would ask for your yes vote to advance the A bill so that it might catch up with the regular bill on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. You've heard the close. Question is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 742A. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the advancement of 742A.

SENATOR HALL: LB 742A advances. Item 8 on the agenda, Mr. Clerk, Select File.

CLERK: LB 189A, Mr. President. No E & R. Senator Withem