

unnecessary language. I think the cooperation, the banding together for purposes of efficiency in delivery of the programs can be accomplished under the existing language. I suppose if we're told later that it can't be, we could always fix that. But I don't see why it couldn't be. And I'm hopeful, as well, that upon passage of the bill, as it's finally amended, that the State Department of Education will adopt rules and regulations and programs that are adaptable across the State of Nebraska, and that they will provide a practical solution to the problem of the...of education, even for expelled students. So I would support Senator Withem's amendment and hope that you will do so as well.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schellpeper, your light was on from the previous amendment, I don't know if you wish to...you waive off? Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. In my earlier address to the membership, in an attempt to expedite things as quickly as possible, I forgot the most important point and that's I'm going to bring that back next year.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. There are no further...no further lights remaining. Senator Bohlke. Excuse me, Senator Withem, it's the amendment to the amendment. Senator Withem, would you care to close?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I will remember, Senator Lindsay, I will remember that. No, I will not close, thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And I will remember that you did not close. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the Bohlke amendment. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the Bohlke amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: The amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend the Bohlke amendment. (Beutler amendment, AM2518, appears on pages 2577-78 of the Legislative Journal.)