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LB 1050

SENATOR COORDSEN: You heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 1050. All of those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment, Senator Withem. Senator, AM...withdraw that.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Bernard-Stevens. But, Senator, I have a note that you want to withdraw this and substitute AM3530, is that...?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Unanimous consent to withdraw and substitute. No objections. So ordered.

CLERK: Your amendment, Senator, is on page 1044 of the Journal.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Trying to shift gears here. We're on the school finance bill. And one of the amendments that I put forward, and it, quite honestly, it's a policy decision the Legislature needs to make. I'm on one side, but I think we need to look at it and make sure that if this is a good thing or not to do and vote on it up or down, and I certainly will live with that. The issue before us is the option enrollment. The amendment before you is the...deals with the option enrollment. Under the current law, if a...I'll use my family for example and, of course, we go to North Platte Public Schools, our children, and we're very proud of that and we're very supportive of that school system. It's a good school system, regardless, Senator Bohlke, of how badly we get hit on 1050 that I'll be voting for and the superintendent still supports, because the concept is good. But under current law, if my family, if I would choose my older son David, for whatever reasons, to go to, say, Sutherland High School, or