

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature: Elmer Filipi is here from Crete and Ondrej Velc is here from the Czech Republic. They are both sitting under the north balcony. Will you stand to be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature, and Senator Bromm would like to recognize that Dr. Clarence Davis Jr. of Osceola is serving as the family Doctor of the Day today on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Davis is presently in the doctor's office if you have a need to visit him. Thank you, Dr. Davis, for being with us today. Is there any further discussion on the Bohlke amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke to close.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President (sic), members, Senator Wehrbein, this is the close. (Laugh)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE: As I have said, we have a situation, we've had a situation that was brought to our attention by the county superintendent that which we call the Venango situation. They have contracted out all of their students, the high school, to Colorado. They have sold all their lab equipment. They have no teachers and, yet, they have kept the school open because they've fallen under the technicality of being within 15 miles. What this says is if you are a Class I district or...this says basically that if a district contracts out all of their students, the board has waived that 15 mile exception and so they aren't going...they'll still have their grade school but they aren't going to be able to continue to get state aid for a high school that's a shell of a building with no students, no lab equipment, and no teachers.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The question before the body is the adoption of the Bohlke amendment to LB 1050. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

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