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regular school attendance as kindergarteners and first graders, get that very good foundation that sets the stage for the rest of their educational years. They develop bonds of friendship with other students, with the teachers, with the schools. They want to be there. They aren't missing large gaps of time which put them out of touch with their fellow students, that perhaps take them out of organized groups, that are working on teams, collaborative learning processes. It sets our public policy to say it's important that every child be in school every day. So I urge you to pass this. It is supported by the Nebraska Association of School Boards, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, the Nebraska State Education Association. There were school districts at the hearing who presented real-life issues and situations. We know that when rules are in place people do improve school attendance for their children. This would also allow, and the amendment provides, that parents who may decide they don't want to enroll their school (sic)...their child in school anymore under age seven will be able to disenroll, and it requires that school districts have policies for that disenrollment. It only impacts public school children and it only deals with children under age seven. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke on the committee amendments, to open. (Standing Committee amendment AM0123 is found on page 470 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think that Senator Thompson did an adequate job of explaining the committee amendment and what the bill does and certainly would be willing to answer any questions, but I believe that that was clearly articulated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Bohlke waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 152. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.