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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I have to admit, I'm trying to remember what the committee amendment does. Pardon? Oh. Well, yeah. They have to bring back a plan, is all we did, which I think Senator Wickersham has already taken care of. We...Senator Wickersham...that's what threw me. Senator Wickersham's already explained what we asked for in changing of the plan so that it...what we felt was more nearly historically correct. And so that's...that's what Senator Wickersham has already talked about. That was a committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. For discussion on the committee amendments to LB 664, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: It's been a good day for us. It's a long day, it's our first long day, but think back about the day. We spent the morning trying to make schools more accountable, testing, improving that. We spent the afternoon working on giving troubled kids discipline, but in a humane and appropriate way, at Geneva and Kearney. And this is the best of all. This bill is the best of all. It's a good day to be in the Legislature, to reach back into history and pull back the Buffalo Soldier phenomenon and honor it as it should be after 100 years have passed. This is a good day for the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Vrtiska on the committee amendments to LB 664.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand totally in support of the legislation and the bill that Senator Wickersham. But I also need to indicate that I think that Senator Wickersham is vying for the title of Senator Bird (phonetic). Thank you. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to close on the committee amendments? Senator Wehrbein waives closing on the committee amendments to LB 664. The question before the body is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who wish to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.