

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

January 20, 2000 LB 182

and let everybody know what those rules are, or they can fail to do that. And a principal, or whoever the appointed agent is for overseeing student publications, can then arbitrarily make up the rules as you go along, perhaps being totally different on different items, without any guiding principles or standards, and I think the one and only...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and big advantage of this bill is that it asks the school districts, in fairness to the schools, to either have a code that sets forth the standards so the students can comply with it, or if they want to argue about it, they can argue with the administration about it, but they must follow it as long as it's the code. If the school district is happy with the material, the outline that applies if you have not adopted a publications code, and that is subsection (2) of Section 4, if they are happy with those standards, which I would hope they would be, then they need not adopt a code, and subsection (2) of Section 4 would become the guiding set of standards.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I, you know I would just repeat, Senator, that it's not...it's not my intent to take away from any administrator...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I am sorry, Senator, but time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...oh, I'm sorry.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The next speaker to the committee amendments to LB 182, Senator Stuhr, you are recognized.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I still have some problems with this bill. I did not support it in committee, not that I am against having students have the opportunity to express themselves, but I feel that there is some...still some problem of control in the fact that school boards, school districts are responsible, no matter what, for the publications that do come forth. And I have been