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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I urge your support of this amendment, as amended. I think it's been well explained. I would add one quick comment, in response to Senator Flood. The NSAA, the Nebraska State Athletic Association, is not a statutory entity. That is a voluntary organization composed of member school districts. They set their own rules, and operate the interscholastic athletic program in the state. So it...there's nothing in this bill that relates to that organization, or anywhere in statute. I don't think it's needed, nor desirable. So I, again, urge your support of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on committee amendments. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted as amended? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on adoption of the committee amendment, AM2314, to LB 828...LB 821, rather. Getting late. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments have been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Erdman, there are no lights on at this moment. The Chair recognizes you to close on advancement of LB 821.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate your support of the committee amendment, which actually replaces the bill. As we go forward from this process here, we need to quickly back up and look where we're at. And I appreciate Senator Synowiecki's involvement, since he's been here as an active supporter in the concepts that are before you, and working with Senator Raikes, the education folks that have come to many of the meetings that we've had over the last five years, including the School Activities Association. What's before us is an opportunity to allow students that live in a district to be able to access