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SENATOR SAVAGE: The question now is shall LB 383 be advanced to E & R for emergency. Senator Kremer for closing.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, it's going to be very short. First of all, I wish to compliment Senator Kelly for very adequately pointing out to us the development that brought about this situation. Of course, in most cases where there is controversy there are two sides to the problem. We find that here. Senator Kelly has reminded us of what could happen to Grand Island, like it's happened other places and could happen. On the other hand, I did want to call your attention to the problem that exists in a class six school district if this bill is not passed. A program of educating the children of that district is in operation. The staff has been put together, the teachers. The building has been built. The athletic program has been there. I can very well see what can happen if annexation continues to take place.

This bill has been compromised, as pointed out. Eventually, if the boards cannot agree now, the issue goes to the people. They can vote into any school district they want. They can vote into Grand Island, if we're talking about this case as an example, or into the Northwest High. I feel that it's a fair compromise and I think we ought to give it a trial run now for a few years and see what happens. I think we'll see other changes in the field of organization in the future. These things are ever before us -- changing times, changing conditions, the shift of population, all this changes things. I think we're only being fair if we'll move the bill as amended and see what happens down the road. I think we're doing something that's fair for both sides.

I move again that the bill be advanced to E & R for engrossment from Select File.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The question is shall LB 383 be advanced to E & R for engrossing as amended. All those in favor say aye,.... Please vote. Those for vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, to advance.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill is advanced as admitted.

I'd like at this time to introduce Senator Maresh's Mother who is under the South balcony ... under the North balcony. She's from Milligan, Nebraska.