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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have discussed this provision even further with Senator Koch and he has no objection to it as far as I can determine. With the bill saying "shall", it would mean that at this point, if my child had a problem in school, I could not represent my child. I would have to hire an attorney and that is not what Senator Koch apparently intended and this insertion of "may" in place of "shall" would simply make it possible for representation of the parent's choice to be there for the child. Therefore, I move for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, do you ask to be recognized on this or on the bill? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would simply say I'd like not to support or oppose this amendment. That in discussions with the Omaha School Board and the Omaha School District they were adamant that this section be included. I do not necessarily concur with their position but they have indicated that they feel this is essential for the bill. Simply a point of information.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Chamber's amendment. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: That is all the motions on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I move it be advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, just a point of information and I want to say it loud and clear. I went out to the back and I talked to Mr. Ross Rasmussen of the Nebraska School Boards Association and I said do you want this bill, and he said we certainly do. Do you need this bill? He said we certainly do. He said you might point out that under current conditions, current school board members are personally liable in issues of this type until we put ourselves in a more reasonable position. Again I appear to simply tell you that the purpose of the bill is an attempt to resolve a problem that we believe local school officials have, that has been echoed by their Executive Secretary to me, and I thought it was important that I report that to you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.