

two-way . . . two-edged sword. So if somebody in an affiliated district was considered a resident in the high school that they have affiliated with, that people that were residents in the high school would also be considered residents in those affiliated districts, those lands in the K...the Class VI districts, so, therefore, people in North Platte could actually run and vote for the small Class I school boards and, obviously, they don't want that. I wanted to make sure and try to put that into the record so some of those that are arguing that understand that they need to be careful of what they ask for because they may actually get it, and it is something I don't think they would want to have. And with those brief comments, Madam President, I do withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, it is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Schimek has the next amendment. (See AM3386 found on page 1114 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This amendment was actually LB 47 that was heard by the Education Committee, and it is the so-called kindergarten bill and it was introduced in reaction to a bill that we passed a couple of years ago, LB 348, I believe, was the number of that bill. And it was an omnibus bill and it was just one little provision in that bill that essentially took away a school district's right to decide whether they wanted to allow a child to enter school earlier than the October 15th date. I believe it is an October 15th cutoff date. And I had a number of people in my own school district who were upset by that. We have actually heard from some people in a number...from a number of communities, primarily Lincoln and Omaha, but Plattsmouth, and Seward, and others, and what this...what this amendment would do would be to restore to the local school district, not a mandate, but an option that if they so choose they could allow a child in earlier than the October 15th date with the agreement between the parents and the school system and with an assessment procedure set up by that local school district to allow it, if...and to test the child to allow it. So the bill did come out of committee. There were two people who voted against it. There was one person absent, but there were five people who advanced it from committee. I think it's an important issue.