

January 22, 1973

CLERK: Title Read LB 10.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body in the absence of Senator Warner, I'll briefly give a resume of what transpired before the committee. I did introduce this bill, there were a number of people that came forward in support of the bill, as you will see in the note, pasted on in front of Amendment 10, the citizens of Omaha came forward, the parents of the children came forward, the school administration itself came forward, the teachers are in favor of this bill and there was no opposition and I would like to point out to members of the body that it was advanced from the education committee on a unanimous vote. I would if I could like to take a few minutes to talk about the need for this legislation and then I will be ready and willing to offer, try to answer any questions that might be raised. First of all the need for this bill comes about by the fact that Omaha not only is a large district but it is an old large district. Omaha had a large, tremendously large school district fifty years ago, or 60 years ago when many buildings were built, and one member of the education committee raised the point, well why is this bill needed for Omaha, and why would that be different from other districts. Well sixty years ago we had a tremendously large district, perhaps as large as Lincoln is today and at that time

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