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Senator Skarda to indefinitely postpone LB 10 on Select File. Senator Stahmer, do you have a question of Senator Keyes or Senator Warner? Senator Warner, will you yield to a question? Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Warner, I didn't understand one thing. You said something about holding over to next year if we don't resolve it now, it is my understanding our bills won't be held over under our current rules.

SENATOR WARNER: I was talk--Senator Stahmer, I was speaking from the point that it's my own feeling that eventually we will have to change the method of financing the schools and if we are unable to make a decision this session, then perhaps the next or the next. But if politically it's impossible, eventually I think judicially we will be required to bring about a change and I think we had better always keep that in mind that we do not get the state committed to expenditures which have less of a priority than education.

SENATOR STAHMER: But you are not suggesting the bills will be held over, as a matter of fact.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh no, not at all.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore. We are still speaking on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 10 on Select File.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I supported the LB or LR 10--

SPEAKER: Senator Nore, please get closer to your mike--

SENATOR NORE: I will continue to support it. However, I do appreciate the fact that Senator Skarda has asked us to go a little slow in considering permissive legislation. I think it is good because now we think that this is going to affect us out in central Nebraska. We are setting a precedence. They are going to raise it from 4 to 6 mills in Omaha. The next step will be out state and if we need it, OK, but let's sleep on it awhile, let's go easy on this permissive legislation. Personally, I think there is some fat that can be cut from some of our public school systems. One of the things, I get a rather a fancy magazine from the Omaha Public School which I don't think I have opened in the last couple of years. It goes into the waste basket, very expensive, and I remember one time a group of educators come up to the education committee and someone asked them just how much money do you need and they said, you can't give us enough. We'll take all you'll give us which is probably alright and one of my pet gripes, maybe not on this subject but it has--might have some relation to it, is our sports program. I am in favor of sports but I've always been a--as a teacher in a high school eight years I've always been in favor of intramural sports and I am amazed at how we can afford to run these buses every night of the week all over the state of Nebraska and it is a very expensive situation when we could handle the same problem on intramural sports. Now the Omaha district doesn't have this problem. We have it out in the state. So, I think it is good that Senator Skarda has said let's look at this, look at both sides of it and I'll probably continue to support LB 10 but let's go easy on any permissive legislation. Our forbearers put these restrictions in here for a good reason and that is to protect the citizen and to protect his property from being confiscated by taxes. And out in the state of Nebraska, we have areas where we--it is almost confiscation now and if we give the school systems more money, they establish more programs and more programs requires more programs and then there is no end to it. So if we have a state aid bill, we must have a lid on it. I agree with the Governor, Governor Exon, one hundred percent. When we passed