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game official, Alberto Yarce, and we have them now all standing, would the legislature applause them please, and welcome them to Nebraska. We are very pleased to, oh yes I should mention also, that Mrs. Tuleo Downing is their interpreter escort, Mrs. Downing will you please rise also. Thank you, she is a member of the Mayor's Committee for International Friendship from Lincoln, Nebraska, a volunteer post, we are delighted gentlemen to have you here to visit the unique unicameral legislature, thank you for coming to Nebraska. We'll next take up the general file debate of LB 197, Senator Syas' bill.

CLERK: Title read LB 197.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I move the bill be advanced, what this bill does is on, we now have a five year limit on lease or lease purchase for schools and this was, it was felt that there is many times that it is more advantageous for school districts to have a longer length of time so that they won't have to pay out so much money all at once in a five year period and this twenty years was picked out of the air of course, but we do need an extended time for schools on this particular thing. That's all there is to the bill frankly.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Kelly did you wish to be heard on the bill? Senator Kelly, then Senator Duis.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, member of the legislature, I voted for this bill in committee to get it on the floor, because it specifically works in the class four and five school districts but I do have a thought that buildings and equipment that are leased for twenty years, equipment isn't going to last that long and that's the normal purchase time for buildings, it's my thought there may be an opportunity here, for school districts to circumvent the bond election and lease a building for twenty years, and I believe that should be discussed.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, Senator Syas a question if I might please.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Syas, what would be wrong with just eliminating any reference to years at all, because I think this is sort of an immaterial situation because obviously from what Senator Kelly has brought up that the necessity of the lease period time would vary drastically whether it be equipment or building or if it be land, and I would think it should be up to the judgement of the board as to what period of time they'd enter into as to what they can pay on a lease purchase agreement, because the lease purchase agreement if it could extend over a great number of years would be much more reasonable than that of a short number, so I'm wondering why not just eliminate the year situation.

SENATOR SYAS: Well of course that was something that wasn't brought to my attention and I can't really answer your question whether that was good or bad, it might be a good way to do it I couldn't specifically stand up here and tell you today, whether that is good or bad because I hadn't given that any thought and I don't think anyone else that talked to me about this bill has thought of that angle either, there may be reasons why they didn't introduce, give me the bill to that I really can't answer your question, upon whether they should