

**SPEAKER:** We now have Senator Kelly's amendment to Senator Lewis' amendment which would amend it to 8 years. That's the discussion now. Senator Goodrich, we have before us the Kelly amendment to the Lewis amendment.

**SENATOR GOODRICH:** Would Senator Kelly yield to a question?

**SPEAKER:** Senator Kelly, would you yield?

**SENATOR KELLY:** Yes.

**SENATOR GOODRICH:** What were the size of the school districts you were contacting in the 53 that you contacted.

**SENATOR KELLY:** I can't answer that, but it's available, Senator Goodrich, because we know the districts that they came from.

**SENATOR GOODRICH:** Possibly what locations were they then. We could judge from that.

**SENATOR KELLY:** I would say that they are predominately rural and predominately small.

**SENATOR GOODRICH:** Thank you. The reason I asked the question is the fact that there are some large school districts in the state of Nebraska that actually go into computer training and computer training, for example, is expensive. The equipment is horribly expensive and I question whether eight years would be sufficient to amortize the equipment. I, personally, like the bill in its present condition as it is right now which we have distributed a new print of it which resulted in the Carpenter amendment which struck all reference to time. I would favor it that position so that we could leave that jurisdiction at the discretion of the school board. There are different problems for different schools, naturally, and when you limit this you are going to, quite possibly, restrict some school districts to the point where they have to raise too much money by amortizing it in too short a period of time. I was wondering, also, if we shouldn't split the Lewis amendment which was ten years from the Carpenter amendment which gives the three notices requirement and actually I would seriously question the need for a time limit if we adopt the Carpenter amendment of three notices. I would think the Carpenter amendment was all we really needed in this case and I would urge the body to leave the bill as it is, not adopt the Lewis amendment which was then amended by the Kelly amendment but also that we split the question and insert the Carpenter amendment and let it go at that, the way the bill reads right now.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Dickinson, we still have before the body Senator Lewis' amendment and the proposed amendment by Senator Kelly to LB 197.

**SENATOR DICKINSON:** Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Kelly's amendment to the Lewis amendment. I would like to take a moment to elaborate just a little bit on the poll we took. We didn't mean to imply that we selected 53 schools. We sent ballots to 250 school board presidents. Now, this might not be a very good tally but this is all we had time to do, and these are members of the Nebraska State School Board Association, none of which in my randomly going through the envelopes as they came were Class I schools, so I didn't want Senator Kelly to infer that these were small rural districts. None of them came from Class I districts. Probably, most of them did come from Class II and III districts and not Lincoln and Omaha which are IV and V and as he gave you the result of the poll, but I feel that they are fairly representative in the short time we've had to compile the statistics and I sincerely feel that Senator Kelly's amendment to Lewis' amendment is..would be in keeping with most of these Boards and most of the people in the state of Nebraska and I want to