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We have another amendment on the desk here. Go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend L.B. 197 (read)

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. We had a request from the Lincoln Public Schools to add the words E.S.U. to this because they feel at the present time E.S.U.'s are tied to a strict purchase agreement and here in Lincoln, they can't go into bonded indebtedness or they can't go into contract buying in this E.S.U. in the City of Lincoln so they would wish that they could add the words E.S.U. to this so that it would give them the power to have a mass purchase through competitive bid. Now I would move for the adoption under those conditions.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney. We have before us the Barnett amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I wish to support Senator Barnett in his request for this amendment. When the Appropriations Committee was making a study of the educational service unit programs in the State this past summer, we ran across where they needed things of this, this opportunity so I wish to support Senator Barnett in this amendment.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Barnett, I would like further explanation of your request for the E.S.U.'s because I didn't know it came from them. It came from the Lincoln Public School System and I think you're dealing with a different section of the law entirely. If you just give me a few minutes time, I'll take a peek at this but I think the E.S.U.'s lease purchase is contained under an entirely different section.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Very possibly Senator Anderson could help us in this because he has dealt in this area.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I think I was the one that introduced the E.S.U. bill --

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I'm not disregarding your intelligence on the matter, I just said he might be able to help us.

SENATOR DUIS: I'll be tickled to death to have him help. He might agree with you.

SPEAKER: Well, let's clear up the problems. Chair recognizes Senator Anderson. Senator Barnett, I recognized Senator Anderson, now, hold on here. It's pretty hard to keep them all on. Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Well, it is my understanding that the E.S.U.'s do not have this authority now.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Does that answer your question, Senator Duis?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, if this is the case and they're being helpful to the E.S.U.'s, let's put it on there then, Senator Whitney's in charge of it too, but it would be nice if