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Mr. President, I move the adoption of the Committee amendments except Committee amendment 3 which appears on Page 4. The reason for the exception is that was to be just a typographical error type of thing. We thought it was repetition of that sentence with the following paragraph and it does need to stay in, so I move adoption of Committee amendment 1, 2, and 4. Committee amendment #1 strikes the reference in the bill which would have had a school year of July 1 to June 30th and this is not consistent with what the law is now. It's as of September 1st or August 30th, so that remains. The amendment #2 is strictly a correction of language, a clarification, and then the amendment #4, all places in the bill where it referred to the Commissioner of Education was stricken and in its place the State Board of Education have the responsibility for decisions. That's the effect of those three Committee amendments. Do you need a separate motion to reject amendment #3, Vince. Mr. Chairman, then I would move the adoption of amendment #1, 2, and 4, and then I will move to reject #3.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? Those in favor of Senator Warner's amendments, Committee Amendments, say aye. Those opposed, say no. The three amendments are adopted.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that amendment #3 be, Committee amendment #3 be rejected, and, again, it is language that is necessary to be in the bill to make it operable.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? Those in favor of rejecting the 4th amendment, say aye.

SENATOR WARNER: 3rd amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: 3rd amendment? Excuse me, 3rd amendment say aye. Those opposed say nay. The Committee amendment is rejected. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 65 be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: Any discussion?

SENATOR BARNETT: The purpose for this bill and I'd better take a few minutes is not to have the children go to school every day of the year. As a matter of fact, they go to the schools the same number of days they do in the present form. The only thing that this is is the permissive legislation that is required so that the school districts may, if they desire, after a vote of the people use the schools on a year around bases for the education of children. If it doesn't come this year, I'm sure it will come in the next year or two because it's slowly around the country moving to this form of education. It's better for the children as far as education is concerned and also there are instances where instead of bond issues year around schools have saved money. I would like to make the body aware of one thing. I asked for an Attorney General's opinion if it was needed this type of legislation before they could go to year around schools and the year around operation of these schools for the education of the children and I have a copy of that and I had given it to the Committee and his answer was yes, that this was needed, and so this is the vehicle that will be needed across the state for any school district that wishes to go to the year around school. Now, I would be glad to answer questions or I could go through the bill which is very simple in form, which ever is better.

SPEAKER: The chair...were you through Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: I will, unless a specific question comes up because I could explain it but it might be quite lengthy. It's up to the body.