

SPEAKER: And who's amendments?

CLERK: Senator Warner's Education Committee.

SPEAKER: Is Senator Warner here? Senator Anderson?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and Members of the body. I can handle the amendments if, if it's alright with the members of the Education Committee.

SPEAKER: Yes, they're in agreement.

SENATOR ANDERSON: The, the amendments to 402 are amendments to which I agreed and do strengthen the bill. They, LB 402 itself provides a means whereby the County Board can evaluate and elect to discontinue the office of the County Superintendent as an elected office and contract for the performance of these services. The amendments have been added to the bill; Amendment No. 1, the original bill, said the County Board should elect to continue. This was changed to elect to discontinue requiring the County Board to make a decision to actually make the change. The second amendment provides for a public hearing on this procedure and I think that from my own standpoint this is a very necessary safeguard in the bill and I'm very glad that this was added by the committee. The third amendment adds a condition, the cost of the contract in the original bill specified that it could not be over 1/10th of a mill on the assessed valuation of the contracting county. The committee has ended--has added an amendment which says; 1/10th of a mill or \$2,500 whichever is higher. This has the effect of making it possible to complete a contract in a county with a very low assessed valuation, some of the smaller counties. The final amendment is an amendment which says that the contract for the performance of the County Superintendent's services may, in addition to being made with the ESU administrator, which was in the original language of the bill, the contract can also be made with a class 2, 3, 4, or 5 school district. I see that Senator Warner is here if you want to switch over, but, that--those are the amendments.

SPEAKER: You're doing--you're doing fine.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Okay. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members. I think the legislative intent for the educational service unit was not to, to participate in this kind of activity. The legislative intent of educational service units is for special education and I think we're, we're giving them activities which they have no business doing and I realize that we have some educational service units in Nebraska. I got a brochure from one, I think was down in Jefferson, Saline County, down in that area where they had a two ba--two page list of activities and not one of them was what the legislative intent of their service unit was for. One of them was that they were saving \$80 to \$100,000 in printing which they were taking away from, from the free enterprise profit motive system and the incentive system so I'm not for giving, I think educational service units have their hands full taking care of special education, we should not give them any more duties.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I ask Senator Anderson a question please?

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes.