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school boards. This is where the camel gets his head into the tent. Next year he'll be in the tent, so I, I oppose this bill very much.

SPEAKER: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Well, Mr. President, this is a question to Senator Anderson. Senator, now we were out on another mission this morning but this bill is completely permissive, is that right now?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes, that, that is correct and this is one of the things that I very much want to emphasize about the bill. It doesn't force any kind of a change at all.

SENATOR KIME: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the bill and I think everybody is aware that some offices have outlived their usefulness and that's the position we're in now. I would respond to Senator Nore about the ESU units and say to you that this is probably one of the most constructive things we'll do for them because we're finally telling them what they're supposed to do. Here's one of the functions they can finally serve in and the real problem with the ESU legislation previously, you just said, get involved in education and have a nice time so here is a specific responsibility. Here's a way to again, kind of streamline government, here's a way to try to get rid of some of our obsolete and antiquated ways at the decision of the local people. It's permissive, it's up to them. They can do it and I think the concept is excellent and I commend Senator Anderson for proposing the bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner then back to you, Senator Nore. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: --make a little rebuttal of Senator Frank Lewis that when this ESU bill was passed, it was completely ambiguous for a good reason and you're so right. They're not carrying out the intent. The intent was never written. The intent was never written. It was understood here that it was to help in special education. That was it but it was never put in the bill and we were unsuccessful getting a, a, an unambiguous bill, so personally I voted against the bill for that reason.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I rise to support Senator Anderson's bill. Two or three things most of it's been mentioned, but there are examples and we had people visited with me from different areas, indicating that they had some real problems in their counties as has been pointed out by some of the other speakers, with very little for a superintendent to do. One county, not in my district, but in southeast Nebraska indicated they were paying some retired persons I believe \$30 or \$35 a month to officially be the county superintendent and in addition they had to hire a clerk part time to be in the office with this lady, would only show up one or two days a week to sign the papers. They needed the office space for other things in the county. They were spending a great deal more money than was necessary. They had very limited work for them to do. I don't think we should be too concerned about the ESU's because other school systems within the county could also provide the same reporting service that the county superintendents carry and the emphasis of permissiveness, letting people locally decide how