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Clerk reading. There are no committee amendments or other amendments.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, this is the appropriation bill that's a companion bill to 321. I move it be advanced.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion? Ready for the question? All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. LB 370.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 370. Introduced by Senator Chambers of the 11th district. (read). There are committee amendments by Senator Warner's Education Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendment changes slightly the original bill than when it--additional material. What the bill does, it would guarantee that the teachers have access to their personnel file that is kept by the school district. I should also tell you that in at least one instance there has been a school board in the State which had not permitted a teacher access to her personnel file and lost a law suit in part because of this. Also, there has been no objection that I am aware of from any school to permit this and as a matter of fact, most of them have the teacher sign evaluation sheets that are prepared by their advisors; they're gone over with so they're open now. We do restrict, however, in the committee amendment any letters which are in the personnel file which the school district had solicited as recommendations prior to hiring. Those letters are confidential as they should be. The second part of the committee amendment also permits students the same opportunity to see his personal file, it further would provide that after the student had graduated, if there was any disciplinary problem in his file, that those would be removed. I move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? Those in favor of the committee amendments, say aye. Those opposed no. Committee amendments carry.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a further amendment offered by Senator Chambers, I guess this really was to the standing committee amendment. I wasn't aware that it amended it, but it says (read)

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Presiding Officer and Members of the Legislature. This is an amendment offered by the Secretary of State and since the State Records Board is charged by statute with responsibility for setting the minimum amount of time that records must be retained prior to destruction, this amendment would bring this particular statute into conformity with the rest of the State statutes dealing with retention of records and it merely indicates that a school board must comply with the State statute as far as the amount of time records are kept before being disposed of and I move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. The motion carries.

CLERK: No further amendments, Mr. President.