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SENATOR PROUD: Just one brief comment. This is Senator Stahmer of delaying the issue and I don't criticize him for that. I've tried the same thing and will again if I feel the situation merits it. But there is no use stalling on this subject. This body is'n't going to feel any differently a year from now than it feels right now. The people in Senator Carpenter's district that he speaks for them don't want forced busing. The people in my district and I speak for them and I think I know what they want. They don't want forced busing. That's from east to west as far as you can get and that's clear across the state. Now there's one thing that some of us in here have that perhaps Senator Chambers does not have, as **constantly** as we do and that's pressure from our constituents. I assume he does get some pressure, but I assume that for the most part they agree with practically everything he attempts to do down here, and he attempts to do it well. My constituents do not agree with everything I attempt to do. And I understand the meaning of political pressure. Last night a lady called me who is very powerful in the O.E.A. and anybody from Omaha that's in politics knows what the O.E.A. is, you better believe me. And she wanted me to vote against Senator Chambers on school elections by district. Well, I initially voted for him because I don't think that it's going to make a lot of difference one way or the other whether members of the board of education are elected by district or at large, except that it will perhaps guarantee the near north side of having an elected representative on that school board and I think they're entitled to it. I voted that way on general file and if I'm here I maybe gone tomorrow but I'll say for the record right here and now that I favor election of school board members in Omaha by district. But forced busing is quite another thing, and I think here and now is the time to go on record on the issue.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, would be in favor of the delay if I thought a delay would accomplish something worthwhile but I don't. I'm not going to vote to bracket this bill. I think it ought to be voted on this morning. It's clear that I'm opposed to the concept of it - to everything in it. My vote will be against adopting this. That's all that I have left to offer. I will not vote to bracket or delay the vote.

PRESIDENT. Any further discussion of the motion to bracket? The question is shall LR19 then be bracketed on general file pending an interim study. All those in favor of bracketing the bill vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Senator Stahmer is asking for a record vote. Have you all voted? The question is shall LR19 be bracketed on general file pending an interim study. Once again, have you all voted? Clerk will record. Record vote. Voting aye Senator Decmp and Senator Marsh. Voting nay Senators Carpenter, C. Carsten, Cavanaugh, Chambers, Clark, Dickinson, Fellman, Fowler, Goodrich, Hasebroock, Johnson, Kennedy Kime, F. Lewis, R. Lewis, Mahoney, Maresh, Marvel, Moylan, Nore, Proud, Rasmussen, Savage, Schmit, Skarda, Snyder, Stromer, Syas, Whitney, Wiltse. Not voting Senators Anderson, Barnett, Burbach, F. Carstens, Duis, Epke, Kelly, Keyes, Kremer, Luedtke, Murphy, Richendifer, Simpson, Stull, Waldron and Warner. 2 ayes, 30 nays, 17 not voting. Motion is lost. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. Speaker, I pushed the green light, it didn't record. I'd like to be shown as voting in favor of my own motion.

CLERK: Senator Stahmer is shown as not voting, Mr. President.