

PRESIDENT: Alright now that clarifies the issue. That is what the Chair has been trying to say and I thank you for the assistance Senator Simpson. Now, Senator F. Lewis what do you want to debate?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I was just going to say the same thing that Simpson did. Simpson is right for once.

PRESIDENT: Very good, now Senator Dickinson, are you satisfied?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I too want to thank Senator Simpson, I think that he has clarified the issue.

PRESIDENT: Alright now Senator Stahmer, are you still with us. The question is then, shall the committee amendments that were adopted Friday be struck all those in favor of striking those amendments vote aye, those opposed vote no. OK, have you all voted? Now the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright, now the committee amendments are struck. Back to you Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would move adoption of the correct committee amendments and it is open for discussion.

PRESIDENT: Alright now, just a minute we will clear the board here. OK, Senator Lewis do you want to be heard on the correct committee amendments and the adoption thereof as has been moved by Senator Warner?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman I rise to support the committee amendments and I think that in all honesty to the committee I should point out a couple of things. When they were first talking in terms of merger and the name SENator Mahoney and Senator Cavanaugh suggested the greater Omaha area technical school which I thought would be a little difficult to swallow at that point, so the real villan and the real originator of the term Metro unfortunately is me. I thought that would be a probable compromise to recognize the metropolitan area which includes all of those people. I certainly think that there are advantages for everyone in the committee amendments. I think that the political reality of the merge and I worked hard to help establish eastern three or four years ago. But the reality for the eastern area, Omaha and eastern technical school is that there is just no state financing there and until this things get into gear there is not going to be, so instead of having two independent technical school without funding I propose that this is the alternative. Now certainly I think that there are a number of things in there a that are advantageous and certainly to eastern. If issue is the name only, I would suggest to you that metro is a reasonable compromise between Senator Mahoney and what Senator Dickinson wants. Now Senator Pfifer is reacting up there and if you will get 30,000 friendly people he can speak on the floor. Until that time, I would suggest that he keeps his grinishes to himself. The point is that that I think that we have an acceptable committee bill here and I would suggest that we adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Stahmer.