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6 Districts. It would shorten the time period that a fact finding of three person...a three person fact finding committee would make it short and perhaps too short in some cases for this fact finding committee to come and review the facts and come to some recommendations they might make to the board and the negotiating teachers. I have had several contacts to support the raising of this bill. First, I might say that our committee deliberated this adequately and competently and the committee's actions should be upheld. But the contacts that I have had to raise this bill have all come from people interested in the teaching profession involved in Class 3 districts. It's a little bit...and a part of their comment has been that this would help all teachers and help all school boards. And the school boards favor it also. However, no teacher or representative thereof from a Class 1, 2, or 6 district, no representatives of school boards, have espoused favoritism to this and some of us espoused that they are against it. So I...there seems to be no real need, they now have adequate provision to go to the Court of Industrial Relations if it gets to that in their negotiations and I think the committee's action should be upheld.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. The motion is shall LB843 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Here we are again, we have a bill that's been killed and we're having a full debate and discussion on the merits, on amendment ideas, the whole aspect of the bill, before we even discuss bills that have been passed by committees and put out to General File. I just don't think we better keep following this procedure, you're going to see that 23 get down to 3 very shortly and we'll still be debating which bills we're going to revive from committee. It was killed. If enough pressure and enough sentiment existed for the bill, and I'm not judging the bill rightly or wrongly, I'm not giving any judgment on its merits but if enough sentiment existed for it, that pressure and that sentiment should have been concentrated on the committee members. That information should have been gotten to the committee so that for some reason or other the committee put it out. As it is, the committee voted to kill it. Let's handle the business that the committees have said we've got to this year and after all that is done, maybe we can talk about some of these other ideas. But here we are, we're going to blow another afternoon debating something that has already been killed. And we're going nowhere. We're destroying, very slowly, but surely, the whole committee system of the Legislature because the surest way, the most guaranteed, absolute, certain way to get a bill voted and debated and brought to immediate attention on the floor of this Legislature is to have it killed in committee this year. And that is ridiculous.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman and fellow members. I agree with Senator DeCamp. The committee system seems to be failing. And as the years go along, we become more lenient all the time and so they really, as Senator DeCamp has said, when a bill is killed in committee, you're almost sure to get it debated on the floor. I would suggest that we start abiding by the committee decision and we'll get our work done here. A lot of these bills here are much more meritorious than this one and are up there on the board waiting to be voted upon. And here we are every day bringing these bills that have