

LB1057

(Begin Belt 1A)

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PRESIDENT: Is there a quorum present, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, a quorum is present, Mr. President, at the time the roll was taken.

PRESIDENT: Now, Mr. Clerk, as I recall, we were on LB1057.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have one committee report. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB785 correctly engrossed. There are standing committee reports from the Committee on Committees which will be inserted in the Journal (page 1449). There is pending the Cavanaugh amendment to LB1057.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I think this has been discussed, the pork barrel type thing, to me all I think we have to do is just vote on them and I'd ask for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark has asked for the previous question. Do I see five hands? All right, the question is, shall the debate cease. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. We were discussing the Cavanaugh amendment to LB1057 and the question is, shall the debate cease? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Cavanaugh, do you care to close?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The debate on this has been grossly disappointing and I think quite a few distortions and misrepresentations were made. The recommendation of the Appropriations Committee was based upon their judgment of what they thought the present students being served by Omaha and Eastern were, and would be in their first year of the merger. The necessity for the amendment would be that they, I do not believe the Appropriations Committee took adequate cognizance of starting up costs, during the course of the Omaha Technical College, they used facilities and equipment that were supplied or owned by Omaha Public Schools which will entail an additional cost either in replacement or purchase which they will have to fulfill. In addition there will be an immediate expansion of the population of the metropolitan school from the Omaha and Eastern, from the number of students that Omaha and Eastern were serving. Which I think was also not recognized by the Appropriations's committee's recommendation. And this is not a pork barrel. This is basically distributing the funds in a basically equitable manner and putting Metropolitan and the Metropolitan Technical College on a equal basis relatively equal basis with the rest of the funding of the other state schools. There was a lot of discussion here about the one mill levy and whether or not we were complaining about that. I don't think there's any objection in Omaha relative to the one mill levy and how much funds that is...that is raising. The only objection is that because we are able or capable of raising a great deal of money ourselves because of our higher