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I have a question I would like to ask of Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers, would you yield?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Would you be willing to tell me whether that requirement is in our state law right now so that all state employees must be informed in writing in the same method?

SENATOR VICKERS: I would not have any idea, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I assume that if state employees are smart enough to know this our school teachers also are and I do not see that there is a need for this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I see no problem with the request that Senator Vickers makes. That is certainly the intent of the teacher organization. That is certainly the intent of everyone. It is a voluntary organization. Everybody can join that wants to and there are some that do not belong. About 4 or 5% of the teachers statewide do not belong and, Senator Vickers, if you support the bill with that amendment on I have no problem with that. So if that satisfies you I can not see any objection to saying, you know, this is voluntary to belong because it certainly is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think Senator Vickers has a good amendment. I think that that is fair. I think that most of the school districts I understand, in my district are already providing this service to the teachers if they want it and I think in that way it makes it clear that we are not advocating that they belong to the union or that they are not belonging to the union. This gives them the clear-cut chance to make the decision and I hope that you will support Senator Vickers with this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you want to speak on the Vickers' amendment? If there are no other lights on... Senator Vickers, do you want to move the adoption of your amendment? Are you ready to vote on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.