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amendment is simply so that they will be well aware of the fact that they do not have to authorize this to start with and that also they can remove the authorization any time they so desire, but I am sure that once they are aware of it....

SENATOR MURPHY: Subsequent increases will not be affected by your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: I think if they did not like the subsequent increases I am sure that they would ask for it to not be authorized any more.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to LB 53. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of Senator Vickers' amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted and before we go to the next amendment, in the North balcony it is my pleasure to introduce seventeen fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, one teacher and three parents from Nickerson District 19, Dodge County, which is in Senator Reutzel's district. Will you please hold up your hands so we can recognize you. Do you want to read the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb moves to amend: "On page 2, line 6 strike the word "shall" and insert the word "may".

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb and then Senator Hefner. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment makes the check off permissive rather than mandatory on the school district. It seems that these days we are demanding more and more of our school districts all the time. The Legislature is mandating first one thing and then another thing. I think the local school districts should have the option of deciding whether they want to undertake the job of keeping track of these funds and subtracting them from the teachers' salary. I believe it is a further erosion of the prerogatives of the school district unless this amendment is adopted.