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LB 53

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

SENATOR SIMON: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. You are voting on ceasing debate. 25 votes needed. Have you all voted? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb for closing on his amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a very simple issue. This is an issue of local control. Time after time we find the instances where the Legislature happily goes its merry way taking away local control but all the time we have people stand up on this floor and argue against this. Now here is an opportunity to leave some of the local control with the local school district. All I am merely doing is change the word "shall" to "may". Now what this does is leaves it open to bargaining for one thing. You can have a bargaining between the employees and employer and this could be one of the points that they could agree on but if we pass this bill in its present form this bargaining position of the local board will be stripped from it. They will not have the option of deciding whether or not this should be one of the bargaining points in teacher negotiations. So I certainly urge everyone to support this amendment which merely changes it from "shall" to "may", that the local school boards will be able to keep some of the local control that we think it deserves.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are ready to vote on the Lamb amendment to LB 53. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: How many people are excused?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who is excused, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch, Senator Rumery, Senator Venditte, Senator Johnson and Senator Merz are all excused.