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LB 63

Next bill is LB 63.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 63 was a bill introduced by Senator Don Wesely of the 26th District. (Read by title LB 63.) The bill was first read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending by Senator Koch's Education Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the amendments, Mr. Clerk? Do you have them? Do you want to explain them, Senator Koch, or do you want them read?

SENATOR KOCH: I can explain the bill and the intent of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the bill was introduced by Senator Wesely. I'll briefly state the intent and the Committee amendment, and let Senator Wesely then proceed. But what Senator Wesely is proposing in this bill, and the Committee has concurred, is that in the public schools of the State of Nebraska there would be a period of time devoted to instruction of young people in terms of developmental conditions primarily as they pertain to behavior and that type of thing. It would not be a long drawn out curriculum. It would be a matter of a certain number of hours to be placed within the program at a certain time, probably somewhere in the area of the elementary or junior high. The Committee felt that to make the bill enforceable, that it should define to some extent just how this would be done, and so that's what the Committee is for, is to instruct the schools that they shall provide education in this area and that the Department of Public Instruction should provide the program or the guides for such program. That's the amendment and I ask for the adoption of the Committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Committee amendments are on Page 387 of the Journal. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of my friend, Senator Koch. Senator Koch, does this proposition require legislation?

SENATOR KOCH: Well...

SENATOR MURPHY: Isn't this something that the Department of Education can program? Or are we now going to mandate