

Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title to LB 304.) The bill was read on January 16, 1979, and referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Koch's Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, LB 304 basically amends the section of law that we have had in force for a number of years and that section of law is 85-502, as it applies to the way in which we determine the status of students of the ten-hour university and college system in relationship to tuition. What we are doing in the Education Committee is amending the present statutes, and they are as follows: We had 180-day period of presence in this state to establish a residency. It provides language to require the evidence of documentary proof as it relates to that subject and as it relates to relocation of parents, dependents of...tax purposes of parents, and the intention of the individual becoming a naturalized citizen. And in addition the amendments add a provision to allow a graduate from a state high school or an educational institution in this state who has left the state for a period of time and then returns to meet the immediate resident status. There have been a number of senators in here, and I am one of those, who have had cases where individuals because of mobility of their jobs, have transferred to this state in some cases less than a year, then come back to this state and have sons and daughters who wish to enroll either at the university level or at the state college level and immediately they have to pay the nonresident tuition. To me, this is, I think, not intended by us, but in order for the Board of Regents and for those who govern the bodies of higher education, for them to change some of these qualifications, it is imperative that LB 304 become law. Without it, they still must operate then on some laws and eight qualifications that are a little bit obsolete in terms of today's society. I ask that this body adopt the committee amendments to LB 304.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. Clerk, do you have something?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson moves to amend the committee amendments. (Read Johnson amendment as found on page 922 of the Legislative Journal.)