

January 29, 1981

LB 15, 16

PRESIDENT: Motion then is the advance of LB 15 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 15 is advanced to E & R for Review. Next bill up on General File is LB 16.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 16. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 8 of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. President, members of the body, I introduced LB 16 on behalf of the Millard Public School system. LB 16 was passed out of committee with unanimous support. It directs itself to amending Section 79-102 Reissue Revised Statutes, 1976, by changing the population limit of Class III school districts from a maximum of 50,000 to a maximum of 100,000 persons living in Class III school districts. Class IV districts would be adjusted accordingly changing their lower limit from 50,000 to 100,000. The reasons for this change is basically to maintain a Class III status for the Millard Public Schools. Millard Public Schools desire this change in order that they might maintain their joint and cooperative programs with other Class III schools, also to maintain their personnel and administrative policies which are consistent with other Class III schools. It would also retain their involvement with Educational Service Unit #3 rather than creating an ESU unit solely for their own purposes. I would appreciate your support in advancing this bill to E & R Initial. If you have any questions at this time, I would be willing to try to answer them.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wiitala, was there any fiscal impact in this bill?

SENATOR WIITALA: No, Senator Higgins, no fiscal impact that I am aware of. It is just for classification purposes. It allows them to retain their status as a Class III school.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, no school funds are going to be transferred one way or the other or any new additional funds