

will you show your presence. Thank you. Senator Landis, are you....? Thank you. Senator DeCamp seems to be the only one who is not here. The Sergeant at Arms will find Senator DeCamp and then we will proceed. There are five absent, Senator Chambers, so we have just one left. Shall we wait for Senator DeCamp or do you want to...? All right, we will proceed, Mr. Clerk, with the roll call vote.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on page 387 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We will proceed then, Mr. Clerk, with agenda item #5, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 165 was introduced by Senator Howard Lamb of the 43rd District. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 14 of this year. The bill was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 165 deals with a very unique situation in education, the very sparsely settled area in this state and how we are going to educate students for the best benefit of each of those individuals. This bill has been before this body as long as I have been here going back to Senator Kime who preceded Senator Lamb and it affects his district probably the most direct way. The committee adopted an amendment which I believe is a fair amendment trying to treat this problem. The bill has been in the court and it has been treated by the courts. We are trying to solve an issue in the Education Committee to help resolve this issue. I ask this body to adopt the committee amendments to the bill, LB 165. I will turn it over to Senator Lamb since he is the chief introducer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments at this time or...if you don't, I'll see if Senator Beutler wanted to speak to the committee amendment. No, all right. Senator Lamb, you just may proceed on both or either though we are speaking to the committee amendments at this point.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendment, in effect, cuts the cost of the bill by one-half, 50%. It is an amendment which I supported in the committee because I believe it is a fair resolution to the problem in that area. It is very