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LB 316

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, LB 316.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 316 (read title). The bill was first read on January 19, referred to the Education Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Committee amendments, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments and then I'll explain it briefly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 316. All those in favor of those amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR KOCH: This bill is the result of a committee interim study on transportation, State of Nebraska, and originally we had in the bill an index system for transportation. Originally the bill was to make transportation uniform across the state because you know there is certain class of schools that do not have the same statute in terms of transporting students. The committee was unable to come to an agreement so these are the sections that we are striking by the adoption of this committee. What the bill does now is to primarily bring us into compliance with the federal law as it relates to transportation for students and that has to be done, and those are federal standards, that is number one part of the bill. Number two part of the bill, we used to pay on fraction of miles. As recommended to us by the Department of Education we should go away from that and that we would put the figure at 3, and anything above that would be one more mile to 4, and you get away from the fractional mile business and that affects no one except schools and they have no opposition to this. And the third thing it does is to bring to the...well, explanation of transporting one time. It is the actual miles you get paid. There have been obviously some people who have taken advantage of our law and have been receiving money that possibly was not due to them and so we clarified that and simply state that you have to demonstrate you have actually traveled that distance one way and that is all you are going to get paid for and that is the bill