

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would just like to say in closing that when I sat on committee and listened to this bill, originally the bill intended to mandate the school boards that they shall have a nonvoting student member. It was at my suggestion that we make this permissive. What I am saying is when you take a look at the bill in its present form all the safeguards are in place. It is permissive. It is entirely up to the board. Secondly, the student member is nonvoting. Thirdly, on Select File I intend to offer a specific amendment that will address the issue that this student, when it comes to executive sessions, the school board, that they will be excluded. I think the bill is very important because it registers legislative intent that we look upon this as an important issue to our younger members of our society. It also advertises throughout the state to the school boards and school districts that we are interested as a state in seeing representation occur on those boards if those school boards wish so. It is much more difficult for those boards to select on their own volition to do so unless they know that there is precedent already in the state that there are students serving as nonvoting board members and that there will be in the future a good chance that many more will occur. So I would ask you to advance this bill to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 440. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I would like that to be a record vote, please.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, a record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 226 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. The bill does not advance. Senator Haberman, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock right after the Clerk has some things to read.