

SENATOR VonMINDEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, when we passed this through on a Friday a week ago I don't think anybody really understood what we were doing. I just want to read a little bit of this here from the veteran's counsel. It says, "Due to the current economic conditions we know full well the Nebraska Legislature attempt to not only hold the line on spending but to also hold the line on increasing taxes. In an effort to cooperate with Legislature in their attempts we respectfully request that LB 255 be amended to provide for \$250,000." I just want to alert you people to the attention that the veteran's counsel will go along with reduction of the monies that we get too and I want to commend them for it and let you people know that we're trying to have a reduction of veterans' programs as well as the rest of Nebraska.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion? The question before the House is the advancement of 255A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. We're ready for item #5, special order, a thirty minute time limit, LB 440.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 440 offered by Senator Kilgarin. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 20 of last year. It was referred to the Education Committee for a public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. On January 11 of this year the committee amendments were adopted. At that time there was a motion to advance the bill to E & R initial. That motion failed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all there is an amendment on the bill and you can find the amendment on page 1471 of your Journal although I am having Pages hand out a copy of it also. It is on the front and back. Senator Wiitala offered this amendment at my request and it deals with the students who might sit on the school board, whether or not they can sit in executive session and this would prohibit them from sitting in executive session for personnel reasons and this was one of the major objections early on General File that was raised on the bill that people were concerned about these young people sitting in on these personnel matters and I would