

SENATOR CLARK: 692 is advanced. 628. We are going to pass over that until Senator Koch gets back. There are committee amendments. We'll go to 630. Is Senator Newell around? It would be helpful if people would stay in if their bills are up. Senator Beutler, do you want to take the committee amendments to 628? We will go back to 628.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 628 offered by Senators DeCamp, Kock, Vickers, Kilgarin, Fowler, Beutler and Wiitala. (Read.) The bill was read on January 6, referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think it would probably be best to let Senator DeCamp get into what the bill is all about. Just to summarize briefly, it is an attempt to establish some rules with regard to discrimination in the school systems to replace federal law that will probably be gone in a short while, but my job is, of course, to address the committee amendments. There are probably eight or nine different amendments here but let me say this about them generally. They are by and large, technical amendments having to do with the procedures that are employed by the bill. They tend to limit the scope of the bill so that if you are interested in the philosophy of the bill you can go ahead and vote for the committee amendments and then get to the philosophy of the bill because the committee amendments generally cut down on the scope of the bill. So unless you have specific questions, I don't think I will address any particular amendment other than to repeat again that they are procedural and technical by and large, but those that are not have the effect of cutting down on the scope of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the committee amendments? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now on the bill, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler said it correctly, he said, "The philosophy of this bill." And let me tell you kind of the origins of the legislation because they deal with philosophy. It wasn't