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out of the Chamber. We will have some matters read into the record at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an explanation of vote offered by Senator Koch to be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See page 703.)

Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk respectfully reports that she has on this day presented to the Governor the bills that were passed on Final Reading last Thursday.

Mr. President, I have a report from the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee regarding a gubernatorial appointment confirmation hearing.

Mr. President, Senator Labeledz asks unanimous consent to add her name to LB 259 as co-introducer.

PRESIDENT: Unanimous consent has been asked on this co-introduction. Any objections? If not, so ordered. We are ready then with agenda item #6, Select File, LB 305, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, sir. I have no E & R amendments. I do have an amendment from Senator Vickers. (Read Vickers amendment found on page 704, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, LB 305 is, as you know, would raise the mandatory attendance age from sixteen to seventeen. Now I am sure the introducer of this piece of legislation, Senator Beutler, has pure motives in his attempt to raise the age of mandatory attendance in the public schools but I can tell you from personal experience that what we are attempting to do here is unworkable at the least and undesirable at the most. The reason I can tell you that is because I quit high school when I was fifteen. It was illegal as far as the state statutes were concerned but the fact of the matter was my parents couldn't keep me in school any longer and how in the world the school was going to keep me there I don't know. I can also tell you that I think the teachers in the school rejoiced the day after I quit school because I was nothing but a detriment to the classes that I didn't attend or for the part time that I was there. Now I am not saying this because I am proud of it. I am not. That is a segment of my life that I would just as soon forget but I think we need to recognize that for those young people that are dissatisfied

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