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LB 827

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 827 offered by (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14 of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are Education Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the Education Committee amendments simply narrow the scope of LB 827 down. As introduced, LB 827 was confined to that technical community college area that included a city of the metropolitan class but the real intention of the introducers of this piece of legislation was to affect only one campus, the North Omaha campus within the Metro-Tech area. So the committee amendments simply do that, narrow it down so that it is now down to that specific campus within the Metro-Tech area and I would urge this body's adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 827. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Duda, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR DUDA: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you have a handout on your desk and on one side is a letter which I hope gives you a brief overview of this legislation and on the back is a map of the Fort Omaha campus. I would like to begin with a brief history of Fort Omaha as a campus of Metro-Tech. In 1975, the federal government declared this surplus and gave it...this coincided nearly with the beginning of Metro-Tech so this is the home campus of Metro-Tech. At that point they began remodeling some of these buildings. Now if you would count these buildings, there are about forty buildings on this Fort. They generally fall into two broad categories. Most of the buildings, about thirty of them go back before the turn of the century and they are solid brick wall buildings and they are really built and Fort Omaha is a good name. There are ten wooden buildings that were put there during World War II as temporary barracks type buildings. Now when Metro-Tech began using this campus, they took the buildings that were the easiest to remodel which mostly were these wooden buildings. They made shop