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LB 652

SENATOR NICHOL: The bill is raised. We will move on to LB 652. So that you'll know what I am doing, I am going to ask you at the time your light comes on whether you are a pro or a con so that at the time the question is called we will have an equal amount of debate on each side we hope. The Call is raised. Senator Vickers, are you going to carry the bill this morning? Just a minute, we will read it by title, Senator Vickers.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 652 is a bill introduced by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have amendments by the Education Committee. I also have amendments to the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you like to take the committee amendments first?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments on LB 652 do basically two things. First of all it changes the requirements of the original bill as far as certification of teachers are concerned. It changes the waiver procedure so that the teacher qualification is amended to place the responsibility for determining the qualification in the hands of the lay governing board or the parents. The other major amendment that the committee adopted struck the language at the top of the page on page 3 having to do with the waiver of Rule 14 or waiver of the requirements for basic curriculum instructional program materials and so forth. The rest of the amendment is basically clarification of language and technical in nature. Now I think I need to tell you that the committee amendments were adopted by the majority of the committee obviously. The bill was advanced by a majority of the committee but if you will read the statement, the committee statement, you'll notice that there was some dissension among the members but the majority of the members felt that this issue was of importance enough that it needed to be brought to the body for its attention and, therefore, there were some people that voted for the bill, voted to advance it that perhaps didn't particularly care to support that bill once it got here on the floor. But the committee amendments, as I indicated, have the two areas, one dealing with certification and it strikes the language that talks about equivalencies and puts the control on the lay board or the parents as to their qualifications of those teachers. And the other committee amendment strikes the language that granted a waiver for certain instructional materials. That, Mr. President, are the committee amendments and I move for their adoption.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak on the committee amendment? Okay, Senator Howard Peterson, did