

it will be taxed at a later time. Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 353.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Harris. I believe you wanted to speak on this, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, may I ask Senator Harris a question, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Harris, I would like to ask why the bill allows Lancaster and Douglas County to pick up. The bill authorizes the option of providing the pickup provision for Lancaster and Douglas Counties, but it mandates that Class I, II, III, IV and VI do it. I wonder why there is a difference there, why one is mandated and the other has the option.

SENATOR HARRIS: All right, this goes back into history a little bit. Last year the school systems decided they wanted out and now they realize they have made a mistake. They want in and this is simply to avoid this kind of thing. It is not a thing that is going to be a sinister move on the employees by the system. It is simply to allow them the opportunity through a mandatory provision rather than to allow them to opt out, very simply put.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, you didn't answer my question.

SENATOR HARRIS: Okay.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It says that the bill authorizes the option for Lancaster and Douglas Counties but the bill requires the other classes to do it. Why aren't Lancaster and Douglas Counties underneath the requirement to do it?

SENATOR HARRIS: That is the way that the bill is written. It simply gives them the option as opposed to the requirement.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Should we not then give the same option to I, II, III, IV and VI schools?