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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to say one thing that I hope you will listen to. The only talk that you've heard from Senator Johnson and Senator Lamb and Senator Sieck is that they don't want these programs ended, they need them. This amendment does not end the programs. This amendment says the taxing power goes to the NRD and they pick up the programs. That's all it says. So the programs can continue if they're needed, but then at least these districts are operating like all other districts in the state with one NRD coordinating everything and I'm not in a position to...

PRESIDENT: Time has expired, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We'll have to move to a vote on this, the motion was pending. The question is the Beutler amendment to LB 124. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 124. Please record your vote. The Chair will allow 15 seconds for recording of vote. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 124. Time has expired. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Beutler-Vickers amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails and the time allotted for the discussion of this bill has expired. We will move on to...LB 124 remains on General File. Before we proceed the Chair would like to announce that Senator Hoagland has guests in the north balcony. They are 45 Central High School Government students from Omaha and their teacher and also up there in the north balcony Senator Carson Rogers has guests who are 32 students from the eleventh and twelfth grades of Wheeler Central School in Bartlett. They are accompanied by two teachers. If you'd all rise we'd welcome you and recognize you and thank you for coming to visit the Nebraska Legislature. Next is LB 421.

CLERK: Mr. President, 421 offered by the Government Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 18, referred to the Government