

them to remove those people from the board and more or less shift the blame to somebody else, somebody else being the Legislature and the state statutes. Senator Vickers has an amendment and in the interest of time so we don't exceed the 15 minutes, I'll close with that and I have no opposition to Senator Vickers's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers and Beutler would move to amend the bill. (Vickers-Beutler amendment appears on page 1209 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, very quickly, because I do agree with the purpose of the bill, the amendment that I offer to you, and you should have a copy of it laying on your desk, would simply set up a mechanism so that there would be at least notice and hearing given to the individual who is going to be removed so that they would have an opportunity to explain why they'd been absent for perhaps two meetings. It further strikes the language in the bill that says you have to be within the district boundaries for a contiguous period of more than 60 days. I think that is redundant if you're...doesn't matter whether you're actually in the district or not. What does matter is whether you attend meetings at that district so that's what the amendment does and I would urge the adoption of it and as Senator Rupp indicated, he is agreeable to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Vickers amendment? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Vickers' and Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Now that has been attached to the bill, Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: I'd simply move to advance the bill unless there are questions.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on LB 569 as amended? If