

local control is being reduced. This is a bill that has not received a lot of attention. It is a major bill. I don't think we are ready for it. I ask that it be postponed indefinitely and I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Lamb said something I think very important. Each session we have 10 to 20 bills that really are important, that shape Nebraska's future and every once in a while there is a sleeper. This is the sleeper of the session, believe me, because in terms of its effect it will change the way school boards are run, the way schools are run, probably more than any other single thing. You notice Senator Beutler didn't disagree with my conclusions or statements and he agrees we do need a new system, he says, a new substitute court system. The trouble is if we are going to do that, if we are going to substitute and have a statewide school board, and that is what you are getting with this, a statewide school board...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...and I don't necessarily disagree with that. Ultimately, that may be necessary, but, at least, let's do it in a straightforward fashion rather than "through using the magic word, arbitration". Now, I want to correct one thing Senator Beutler did say. Senator Beutler said, you are eliminating arbitration if you kill the bill. Absolutely wrong. Arbitration is already allowed, exactly what he describes and they have been describing as supposedly the purpose of the bill, is allowed now. You and I can agree on this point to submit the binding arbitration. We can do that right now. If you kill the bill, it doesn't change that one bit. Now, as for sophistication, changing our arbitration laws, sophisticating them, if you like, clarifying them, I am all for it, but not under the guise sophisticating them and then really change the entire system of management and labor relationships as far as public office goes or public entities go, such as school boards, cities, counties, this kind of thing.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Your time is up, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I do urge you to kill the bill.