

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I would like to explain just a little more about what the bill does.

PRESIDENT: And then let me ask for a lowering of conversation level, (gavel) lowering of conversational level, please. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: The bill does three basic things. First of all, it clarifies that the transportation allowance will be computed the same way for elementary students required to leave their school district to attend school in another district as it is in the district that they are in. That is a provision that wasn't clear under the current statutes. Secondly, it eliminates a payment for fractions of miles by a Class V school district, Omaha, to be consistent with the general rule that we have for all other school districts. And, third, it limits the transportation allowance to miles actually traveled in cases where students reside during the week with friends or relatives in order to be near the school. And, again, that is an issue that wasn't clear under the current statutes. So those are the three major changes in LB 419. And, as I say, it is an issue that the Education Committee very thoughtfully put forth and, as I recall, at our Exec Session we debated at length the ways that we had ought to proceed with this and I think this is a fair and equitable way to do it. I would urge the body's adoption and advancement of LB 419.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 419. Further discussion? The motion is to advance. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 419 is advanced. LB 534.

CLERK: 534 was a bill offered by Senator Smith. (Read title.) Read in January of last year, referred to Education, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Chairman Vickers of the committee.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, 534 was a bill