

February 21, 1986 LB 820

SENATOR SMITH: Teacher. All right, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the advancement of LB 820? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I am going to close because Senator Remmers has said this is an interference of local control and he is going to oppose this bill.

PRESIDENT: You have five minutes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I find it interesting that we could advance 35 bills this morning that deal with very significant issues without question, without comment and without debate and you get down to a lousy little school lunch bill that Senator Lamb points out doesn't hurt anybody, doesn't help anybody, doesn't do anything, et cetera. Incidentally, it does do something, does help some people, and all of a sudden we find some debate ensuing. Ten years ago, Florence McReynolds, as a member of this Legislature, said that school districts in our state should allow every schoolteacher a half an hour free lunch and the reason why is that local control kept schoolteachers at their desks and they never had the time to go out to lunch to gather their thoughts. And you know how weary we get, how weary we get and how we enjoy having a little bit of time out. Well, the same thing was happening to schoolteachers and the law was passed 10 years ago, or 15 years ago, I can't recall exactly when it was, but an exception was made for all Class I schools, even if they had more than one schoolteacher in the facility, and an exception was made for Class II schools if they only had one person in the facility. And this bill simply says, wait a minute, there is no distinguishing difference between a teacher in a Class I school or a Class II school with anybody else if there is more than one teacher in that facility. They should be entitled to the half an hour lunch. Right? Fair is fair. Vote it up.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 820. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote on the advancement of LB 820. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the advancement of LB 820. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We have...have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.