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(in progress) SENATOR CARSTENS: bill book. There is no committee report, no explanation at all. I'm wondering if this bill had a hearing. All we have is the statement of intent by the introducer. I'd like just a point of clarification if for nothing more. I think we ought to have a report of some kind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens on a point of personal privilege is asking a question. Senator Elrod, can you respond?

SENATOR ELROD: Senator Carstens, this bill was just the other day discussed and Senator Stromer did handle the on the floor, but the bill was brought to us by the State Department of Education last year that they did need it and I believe Senator Stromer does have information back there as to what the reasons why they did need it and no there was no public hearing on it is the reason there is nothing on the public hearing relative to it. And they did assure us that it was just a necessary piece. Senator Stromer I wonder if you want to enlighten Senator Carstens here further on this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stromer, will you please respond.

SENATOR STROMER: Well the response would be that it was a bill brought to us by the Education Department and I think as Senator Elrod has already stated, this was merely a matter of administration and so we could make this agreement with other states dealing with beautification of those teachers who would come to us from out of state and since it was just merely a technical matter, this is why that it was introduced just as it was, also due to the fact that it would cut down on some of the administrative work going on within the Education Department when certifying someone coming to Nebraska to teach from outside of the state, who received their education from another college.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Orme.

SENATOR ORME: I direct a question to Senator Stromer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stromer, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR ORME: Do you have the current count of the number of states that have found unusually helpful?

SENATOR STROMER: No I do not have the number of states who we do cooperate with.

SENATOR ORME: I think it is in the 30's.

SENATOR STROMER: Yes, I do know that it is a substantial number, but I am not aware of the exact number.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens is your question answered? Thank you. Assistant clerk will continue reading the bill please.

Clerk read bill

(MACHINE WAS NOT OPERATING)

CLERK: LB 719 on Final Reading, signed Jerome Warner.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.