

students of Stanton County Rural School. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Are there amendments, Mr. Clerk, ...or I will recognize Senator Kristensen for opening on the bill itself.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I believe that the discussion has been fairly substantial in terms of what the bill does. I would be glad to answer any other questions. With that, I would urge moving LB 421 to E & R initial. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk, amendments.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem had amendment 970 and 971. I understand you want to withdraw both of those, Senator. The next amendment was by Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks is excused and asked me to have it passed over. Senator Withem, 1332. Withdraw, Senator? Senator Wehrbein has the next amendment. Senator Wickersham has the next amendment. (The Wickersham amendment, AM1785, appears on page 1826 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Excuse me. This is...this is 1776?

CLERK: Senator...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, I have it, I've got the right bill.

CLERK: ...1785.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, 1785. Okay. You withdrew 1776?

CLERK: I have never seen 1776, Senator.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's good. (Laughter.) Okay, this amendment addresses a couple of different areas in LB 421. I think there are many things that are still problematical about this bill and this only addresses a couple of them. One, Section 1 of the amendment addresses a problem that appears on page 7 and it is applicable to an excavator. I think most of the discussion here has been about operators and what operators had to do, this is about excavators. An excavator is anybody