

Legislature delays corporal punishment bill

After much heated debate Thursday, the Legislature left hanging the fate of a bill which would outlaw corporal punishment in Nebraska schools.

LB 446, sponsored by Sens. Ernie Chambers and Fern Hubbard Orme, narrowly escaped indefinite

postponement, but then was left on the floor when the Legislature adjourned before voting on Chamber's motion to advance the bill from general file to enrollment and review.

SEN. DUKE SNYDER made the motion to kill the bill bringing Chambers to his feet with sharp words for the entire

body. Snyder said he had voted to advance the bill in the Education Committee but had since received numerous letters from educators in his district which made him change his mind.

Snyder read from a letter from the principal of Horace Mann Junior High School in Omaha, the Northside school most often cited by Chambers as a place where corporal punishment is used heavily.

The letter defended the authority of the school to use corporal punishment and said a recent Parent-Teacher Association meeting showed overwhelmingly that parents are in favor of "spanking."

ANOTHER LETTER from a Horace Mann counselor said the "issue is not one of paddling, but of maintaining a situation conducive to learning."

Snyder said many teachers fear taking away corporal punishment would force teachers to expell students in order to maintain discipline. A letter from teachers at Horace Mann, Snyder said, quoted a poll which showed 86 per cent of the teachers there favored using corporal punishment "until a better alternative is found."

Chambers displayed paddles about two feet long and one inch thick which he said are frequently used on students at the junior high school. He named several cases including one in which he said a victim of cerebral palsey had been struck and another where a girl was hit over the eye.

"VIOLENCE BEGETS violence," the Omaha senator said. "Schools should be teaching reason instead of aggression. A teacher who uses corporal punishment is failing in his job."

Chambers pointed to an Omaha School Board policy which prohibits the use of corporal punishment unless the consent of the parent is first obtained. He added that consent is rarely obtained and

that "the Omaha school board is powerless to enforce their own regulations."

Both the Omaha and Lincoln school boards went on record in the committee hearing as for the bill and opposed to corporal punishment.

"How can we expect to teach respect for authority, law and order if teachers violate those very principles?" Chambers asked.

HE ADDED that students had told him the beatings only make them want to get back at the teacher by "stoning, beating or slashing tires on the teacher's car."

Several senators spoke against the bill citing personal experience as students or reading letters from their constituents. Sen. Wayne Ziebarth asked Orme for time to work out a compromise, but the Lincoln senator rejected his proposal.

Orme said teaching "is degraded by this sort of punishment, and what is more, it is possible this kind of thing causes more violence."

SEN. TERRY Carpenter called the question and Snyder asked for a roll call vote. The motion to kill the bill then failed 22-23-4.

The Legislature will probably take up Chamber's motion to advance the bill again tomorrow.

The vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone:

FOR: Burbach, Carpenter, Carsten, Clark, Epke, Goodrich, Kime, Klaver, Kokes, Kremer, Lewis, Mahoney, Moylan, Nore, Savage, Skarda, Snyder, Stull, Syas, Waldo, Warner, Wiltse.

AGAINST: Barnett, Chambers, Craft, DeCamp, Duis, Elrod, Kennedy, Keyes, Luedtke, Maresh, Marvel, Morgan, Orme, Proud, Schmit, Simpson, Stahmer, STromer, Swanson, Waldron, Wallway, Whitney, Ziebarth.

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Petersen said registration would be at his office in the basement of the County-City building. For state and national elections registration offices are set up around the city, he said.

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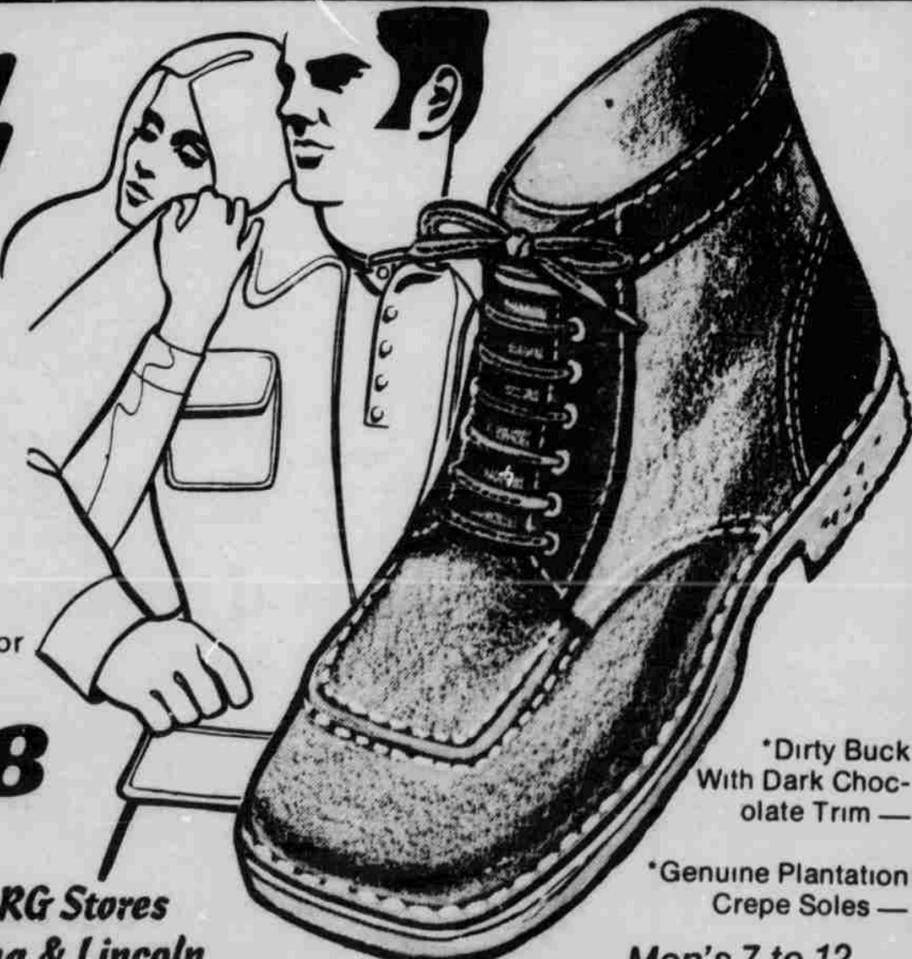
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