

April 23, 1975

LB368

SENATOR BARNETT: I move for the adoption of my amendment, if the Clerk will read it.

CLERK: Motion is to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR BARNETT: Right, I just wanted you to say it instead of me.

CLERK: I did.

SENATOR BARNETT: Did you, I didn't hear you. I'm sorry. 368 as you all know is the bill that they asked to lay over yesterday and it was turned down. So we made a motion to indefinitely postpone it and it is the STATE Aid to Schools. State Aid to Education program. I didn't withdraw the motion and I intend to stay by the motion because it is my feeling that the people of this state had said no to a state aid proposal. If it wasn't a state aid proposal then Senator Warner misled us and I have more confidence in Senator Warner in that he had a good state aid proposal before the people of the State of Nebraska. This calls for a 15 million dollar program this year. I admit before you and the public that it makes a pretty good hypocrite of myself because I am an advocate of state aid. I voted for four years to have state aid to education. It was the 30th vote last year in the over ride attempt. The over ride success. But this year after the people had soundly defeated the state aid proposal, I don't believe that we should come right back and give them another state aid program. I think that we should at least let it wait a year, give it a chance to cook off and let them find out what happens when there is no state aid. We have never given it to them in a big enough chunk, or they have accepted it in a big enough chunk to see the benefits of state aid. You are applying a band-aid to a major cut. If you buy this bill. There are many things that we could say about it, and I'm sorry that the Governors speech came in this morning at this time, but it might be rather timely for this motion. I wish that we could consider it and I hope that you can consider it because I didn't ask him to come in at this time to make his speech. As you know, he has said that he would veto the state aid bill if it was passed, and I'm sure that you all realize that I am not here as a messenger of the Governor's office. And, that it in no way has a connection to this talk that he gave to us this morning, I should say spanking. I would like to see you lay the state aid bill to rest this year and support Senator Lewis possibly next year in a different type of proposal, coming back with it. So therefore, I would ask that you support me in indefinitely postponing LB368.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Barnett's motion to indefinitely postpone LB263 or 368. This is also timely or untimely, I don't know which in view of the statement that we just heard from Governor Exon. Certainly I do have a little different view point than Senator Chambers speaking for himself and possibly for the Legislature in the Governor's right to be here. The Governors suggestion that we set priorities. That is what I am suggesting