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LB 1243

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, will you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, did you read these amendments?

SENATOR SMITH: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you, nevertheless, are recommending that we adopt them?

SENATOR SMITH: I am proposing them for your consideration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because you have been such an upstanding chairperson of this committee, I'm going to accept what you offer, because I haven't read them either. So I will support them, strictly on the basis of your assurance.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is, shall the E & R amendments be adopted to LB 1243? All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Senator Thompson would move to amend. (AM2455, Legislative Journal page 856.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, to open on your AM2455 to LB 1243. You're recognized to open.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. What's being passed out to you on the blue sheet is the essence of this amendment. It's a bill that was introduced last year, and advanced from the Education Committee, dealing with special education funding. And it changes one word. Currently the law in this particular area reads "students", and this will change it to a definition that says "children from birth to age 21 years". This was brought to me by the Papillion-LaVista School District, but I also met with a number of special education directors on this bill, because originally when it was passed they thought they could serve preschool children under the flexible funding provision. And, in discussions with the