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                         LR 496, 499, 501, 502, 504

to do that today and I'm proud that I'm part of the body that's going to do that because I think that, once again, the Legislature has the courage to do the right thing. I hope you'd vote to override. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The question is, shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1778.)  
45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill passes notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 496, LR 499, LR 501, LR 502, and LR 504. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Thompson would move that LB 1399A become law notwithstanding the line item objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you so much, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. the Governor has vetoed money out of LB 1399 that would have funded a loan forgiveness program to encourage talented high school students who are going to college to enter the teaching profession and also for students at colleges with a 3.0 grade point average or higher to enter into teacher training programs and help us deal with the teacher shortage problem that we're having in Nebraska. Currently, the bill that was amended into LB 1399, actually two bills, are on the books. Next year they will come back with an opportunity to appropriate the funds for them. But rather than have this issue be lost in the discussion of salary, I felt it was important to once again talk about the importance of addressing the teacher shortage issue in Nebraska. And with the encouragement of some of the teacher and educator groups in Nebraska and others who are interested in this bill, I want to call to your attention