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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Raikes, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR RAIKES: Actually, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I have here...

SPEAKER BROMM: You previ...excuse me, Senator Raikes, you previously opened on the committee amendments.

SENATOR RAIKES: Right.

SPEAKER BROMM: And so we would now be on amendments to the committee amendments, is that correct?

SENATOR RAIKES: I think that is correct. We had a committee amendment that was pending, I believe, when we finished discussion last time. So I would like to withdraw that, if that's appropriate.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, Senator Raikes would move to amend the committee amendments with AM1658. (Legislative Journal pages 1556-1561.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on AM1658.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I will outline for you quickly, I hope, the provisions of AM1658. This deals with the need-based aid provisions of the bill. There are a couple, three provisions that I think I need to emphasize. First, the beginning date for the new program, the Nebraska Scholarship Act, the single fund program, would be moved from the 2004-2005 fiscal year to the 2003-2004. So the program would go into effect this coming fall, or for students entering school, that is, this coming fall. The funding for the program would include the monies now appropriated by the Appropriations Committee or recommended by the Appropriations Committee, I