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communities. We cannot continue to involve government in an ever expanding way and allow this to continue. Now last year when LB 889 was introduced I watched that bill be maneuvered and manipulated to the forefront and it was addressed successfully and it was passed. Now the fiscal impact at that time, and I don't like to get into the dollars and cents because that of course, is not a practical thing to do, but I would like to advise that the appropriation was, I believe, \$87,000, and I want to lift from the budget message that was given by the Governor this year a comment that Governor Thone made with reference to this particular program. In the area of education I would like to call to your attention the fiscal impact of last year's LB 889 which calls for state funding of 90% of the cost of preschool handicapped children. The Commissioner of Education has recently put me on notice that the two and a half million dollars included in their budget request for this program may be as much as \$1,000,000 short of currently estimated costs and I just bring this to your attention so that you will know what the fiscal impact of this particular program has. My heart breaks also when I see individuals that are less fortunate than I and members in my family and others in this community and I, as an individual, am very willing to help in any way that I can in that community through the giving of my time, through the giving of my own dollars to attempt to accomplish and address these situations and, ladies and gentlemen, I would just say in closing that although this is an emotional and a sensitive issue, I plead with you to consider the impact that it is having, the fact that the taxpayers of this state, I feel, are assuming a responsibility that should in fact, be that...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR STONEY: ...of the parents and not all the citizens of the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise of course to oppose the kill motion and I am just saying let's not hang it on the schools. The schools have their problems. Their problems with education...well, there have been all sorts of things written about the problems of education. I am saying to you today, do not hang this new responsibility on the schools. There are other agencies, there are other places that are better equipped and more logi-