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tained. They want to see quality education. They want to see responsibilities assumed by people not only on local governments but in the state government as well and I think with the vote on the Warner amendment starting to see the light and I have in the past supported LB 138 because I felt that it was the state's responsibility in this area, medicaid funding, that they had the responsibility to assume that funding because every other state in this country has assumed a greater responsibility in this area except for Nebraska and we were out of step, we were out of line and we should have done something in this area and I knew the consequences because I knew what it meant to the budget of the State of Nebraska but I thought it was only right that we took that step. But with the vote that I think may happen on the Warner amendment, I am going to have to change my position on LB 138. I am going to have to fall in line because it is obvious that the tone of the Legislature is very definitely clear, going to have to have fiscal restraint and as one of the very few urban Senators that saw the need for 138 and the change in funding on medicaid, I think that my change in vote may not mean a whole heck of a lot and I know it is not going to help my county and I know it is not going to help a lot of other counties throughout this state, but if this is the decision of the Legislature, then that is the decision I am going to live with and I am going to live with this budget and I commend the Legislature for your fiscal restraint and watching out for the tax dollar. I praise you. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: There is times like these I wish I could talk but the question needs to be called so I will do that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close on your motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: No, I think to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I am sorry, to adopt the Warner amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the discussions that we have