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on subdivisions of...on government...Nebraska as far as... get me straight here, that is financed by the State of Nebraska. We are spending 14% more money on them this year than we did last year, 14% more. I will talk on that later on 596 or whichever the number is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of closing on his motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Very briefly, Senator Koch, my good friend, correct one thing. If you will check the official record you will see not one time this morning did I use the word "state aid" up till this very moment. If you listened carefully, I said "property tax relief", "alternate financing for education", these kind of things because that is what we are really dealing with. We are dealing with property tax relief. We are dealing with alternate financing through a different tax other than property for education. Now in order to get that really done properly you have to have equalization to find out how money should be distributed. That has not been accomplished. Ideally, if I just had my choice, I would throw the \$10,000,000 in this year to get some little relief even if it isn't as equitable as it should be but in view of the fact that the Appropriations Committee has made certain commitments to really look at this carefully over the summer, in view of the fact that any number of legislators and the Governor through his public pronouncements has indicated his desire to straighten out the equalization problem, I am willing to give this test, so to speak, over the next eight months to find out if we can't by November or December at the latest, have a comprehensive property tax relief program with respect to financing of education and one that is equitable and fair and based on equalization. So that is the only reason and because the other package of the Appropriations Committee has been adopted as you have done this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return 585 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

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