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action to take and one which will not frequently occur because very seldom under our tax rating system is there going to be collections in excess of estimates and historically that has been a fact with the exception of one other time inflation was running at a substantially higher level than had been anticipated. So if the body approves this, opinion will be written for and if it proves that we cannot do it, obviously it has to be withdrawn and as the amendment is drafted all the funds would go to apply per pupil distribution.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment to 1002. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Simon requests a record vote. (Read record vote as found on page 1527 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The amendment is adopted. The next amendment. Read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers now moves to amend the bill and the amendment is on 1477 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, fellow members, I think we have just played a cruel hoax on the taxpayers of the State of Nebraska, property taxpayers of the State of Nebraska with the adoption of the committee's amendment. We are telling them we are going to relieve property taxes by increasing state aid to education but we are not sure of the amount of dollars we are going to increase it by, if in fact, we are going to increase it by any dollars at all but even the limit, if it is the total amount, the \$32,000,000, the amendment that was just adopted, is not going to meet the 7% increase that the schools are going to ask, increase their budgets in the State of Nebraska. I have had passed out some information that you all should have on your desks and it shows that under a 7% increase under state's assessed valuation, that that would amount to \$35,524,360 which tells me that even with a full \$32,000,000, the property taxpayers of the State of Nebraska are still going to be assessed an additional on top of what they were last year, 3.5 million dollars. Now I think we are getting down---there is only ten days left in this session. We've got down to the point in time where we better start addressing the issues