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LB 627

I do not happen to know which school districts Senator Lamb was referring to in his previous remarks, but I am assured that it is a small number of people who may be disenfranchised from their vote. We have to consider the concerns of all of the persons in the State of Nebraska. We ought to be considering the needs, yes, the unmet needs of the children and youth in the State of Nebraska. I can see that Senator Lamb has a small problem, but that is not the only school district which he represents. There are large numbers of children in school districts all across the state who will be the ones who suffer if we do not pass LB 627. I have continually tried to support the legitimate needs of education in the State of Nebraska. This helps to support the legitimate needs of the largest number of persons. Yes, this is one of those tough decisions. Some of you may be from districts which do not understand the devastation created already by lids in this state, but turn around and talk to your neighbor who may be representing an area where there is severe hurt already in place. Let's not add to it by refusing to vote or by voting red. I stand to strongly support the affirmative vote for 627.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I voted for LB 627 on Final Reading and I intend to vote to override the Governor's veto today. It would be relatively easy for someone from western Nebraska, four hundred and some miles from Omaha, not to be too concerned about the effects of that spending lid on that city and on the school children and the school system there. I do believe that the lid in Omaha from a distance and judging not as an expert but from a distance...I do believe that it has been beneficial to an extent. I believe it has made the Board of Education in that area more responsible already, and I believe it is going to make them considerably more careful in the future as to how they approach education in the school system in Omaha. And I think that the fact that the voters have already indicated that they are more than willing to pull the purse strings closed on the school system in Omaha will have a long and lasting effect upon those who are elected to make those decisions to spend those dollars. But it would be unwise of us in the long run to allow a lid situation to continue for extended periods of time, and I believe that LB 627 five years from now and ten years from now will be a significant and a beneficial change in the structure of the local option lid in the State of