

who can not live on zero increases for carrying out the business. Also, another person that I know who works for a very huge company who recently got a 17% increase, rate increase for carrying on the business of that corporation. I remind you that education is a corporation. It is charged with the responsibility by the State of Nebraska to educate the children in a beneficial way. Omaha has some very unique problems in educating children. It is not a homogeneous setting of people. There are different needs, some of them are very difficult. I suggest to you that what we are doing here is not improper. We were the authors of this piece of legislation. We did this in a special session. We are also the authors now to try to make it equitable for all sides. There have been times I have fought bills across the floor but I thought that I had some ethics. I took one good shot at them and if I didn't get it done I realized then the majority of the body was in favor. Senator Stoney, the other day when we were on Final Reading wanted to bring it back for a special amendment and didn't accomplish that mission. It would appear to me that that should have been his last shot. I'm getting a little bit concerned about what we can do on Final Reading, continue to nag it, nag it, nag it. Sure there is a poll which demonstrates at least by that poll people of Omaha would vote to remove. I remind you the City of Omaha schools would have to live one more year under severe limitations. We all know that the State of Nebraska isn't going to provide much additional support in terms of general aid to public education due to some economic factors. When you have a mass of students that number somewhere close to 46,000 and you have a responsibility as an elected board of education, individuals selected to administer the school it is difficult to determine where you are going to cut programs. I can't believe that Senator Stoney had a son in that system who received a good education would now want to deny other children of an equal opportunity to receive a similar education. Not all children seek the same kind of education at all. We talk about individual needs of students when we educate them and I submit to you Omaha has a lot of individual needs to try to meet the needs of the student. For us to allow them to go on one more year and a no win situation means one thing. That means cut programs which are vital to help each child reach some degree of dignity and job interest skill. To me, this nation can sit and debate and use the first amendment because we are a democratic society, educated, civilized and christianized. I submit for us to return this bill to strike the enacting clause is folly. I'm sorry we didn't read the bill and let it go and see what happens. I oppose