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in the English language. That is the major provision of LB 318 along with the vocational education programs. These are the modifications to our present state aid. Now, naturally when you talk about this kind of legislation, we are always talking about dollars. Now, in your bill book there are several pink sheets, however, those pink sheets are somewhat misleading. Our intention is when LB 318 goes to Final Reading that we will amend the present school aid formula as a part of education to approximately include \$4 million. The \$4 million will go toward the funding of vocational programs of this provision, along with the gifted programs, along with the English Proficiency program. That is where the dollars would go, and they would go to those schools who would provide the various vocational programs. Many of those are already in place. And so this is one way in which we as a body, if we are not willing to provide additional monies in general aid, can justify providing dollars for children in various kinds of vocations and who have other needs and who have been identified, and reward those schools to some degree for the programs they provide for the benefit of those students. That is LB 318, and I ask that this body give it a vote of confidence and move it to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers, do you have a motion to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes, I have a motion to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the motion?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers moves to amend the bill. It reads as follows: (Read the Remmers amendment as found on page 1491 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will try to explain the amendment. Basically what it does, it strips everything out of the vocational except special vocational aid for handicapped and special aid for those lacking in English proficiency. My amendment would strike the other programs. I first want to say that I am not doing this to save money. I will be glad to vote for the additional money for the state aid to education, the extra 4 or 5 million that is suggested in this bill that it might cost to provide for this program. I am in favor of putting that money into the school foundation.