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SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR KOCH: But I submit to you today if I were a policy-maker at the federal level I would not diminish the dollars coming back. I would increase them and I would provide to those potential dropouts a stipend to stay and to get their school. I would offer them like we did as veterans, when we came back we were offered a stipend of \$90 a month, our books and our tuitions. We stayed and we achieved but yet that was the inducement for us to do that. And so those of us who had that opportunity today are in the mainstream and supporting the taxes that support our public schools, our governments or whatever it might be but that was done through a stipend off of the federal level and we as a state could do at the same level if we wanted to put our dollars behind it and say to the schools and these young people, you stay, we will help support you until you get your diploma and then we will help get you a job based upon your skills and we will find you a skill somewhere along the line. Therefore, I think for us to adopt either Senator Vickers' amendment or Senator Beutler's proposal is indeed sheer folly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record. Shall debate cease is the issue. No, this is shall debate cease. Have you all voted? Okay, record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vickers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Mr. President, members, first of all, let me say that I am not in favor of doing anything that would cause more people to drop out of school in the State of Nebraska and I don't think keeping the mandatory attendance age at sixteen is going to do that. It is not going to increase the number of people that want to drop out of school and I need to also say that that is one segment of my life that I am not proud of. I indicated that earlier and I need to reiterate that. It is not smart and it is not cool to drop out of school. Education is very, very, very important. If I didn't believe that I wouldn't