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So, this time we also eliminated it on the basis that it would probably be vetoed in any event and so we just as well strike the provisions of the law that could not be funded and that is why it is still in there.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, did you want to talk on the amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Goll, did you want to talk on the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR GOLL: Not on the amendment, something else I want to talk to later.

SENATOR CLARK: Okay, we will talk on the committee amendments, then I'll call you. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would be waiting for the amendments, not the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: If there is no further discussion then on the amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Koch, do you want to close?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you Mr.Chairman, members of the body, education is being asked to make certain sacrifices and I'll give you an example. On LB 895 the Governor is placing an amendment on that bill and I have accepted it. It deals with cash flow. You all know that we passed a bill not too long ago where we said schools are entitled to 25% of their entitlement of state aid in October. I have called together various school administrators and they have agreed that they will accept payments in a lesser amount based upon equal payments over nine or ten payments. Now to me that is a sacrifice on the part of the public schools, State of Nebraska. We are always talking about the high cost of handicapped programs in the state. I believe we are going to get a handle on those programs and the only way we are going to do it is to get these various agencies together where annually they meet and they make certain kinds of decisions as to the services they are going to provide. Now, if I recall correctly, when the Education Committee sponsored this piece of legislation we brought it on the floor and this body passed it. The Governor vetoed it that time. We overrode the Governor's veto at that time. Now simply because the Governor believes that he can find \$38,000 or \$40,000, I don't believe that this body in good wisdom should take a 360 degree turn because we felt that this would be an important memorandum of understanding that could be developed. All I say to you is Louisiana has it and several other states have it and they found that is the only way they

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