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the Appropriations Committee. These were Director of Special Education programs. I would also remind you that if we couldn't deal with it in 942, the same rules and regs are still in place, the mandate is still there. I would remind you of one other thing. This document here is a prepared document by the Appropriations and it says and I'll quote again, "Reduce special education aid by \$1 million, recommended by the Governor and the Nebraska Department of Education." That is a printed word and if we vote right now, red - no, then there will be no deficit because we've agreed that we're going to accept a million dollars reduction and that is a fact. So that cannot be a part of a deficit because we've said, all right, we agree with that right now and this document here is usually rather binding upon us if you keep them from year to year. And finally I submit to you, the Department of Education has no right to negotiate for boards of education, no right and I'm a little disappointed in that department for making that kind of an agreement. It is strictly political and that position should be nonpolitical and they ought to represent boys and girls and the public schools in the State of Nebraska based upon the highest level. It is all right for you and I to get into political agreements and compromises but that is a part of the world of politics. So I am saying let's replace this million dollars because obviously we rejected the three million some this morning. And so I accept the least this body would say, all right, we'll allow this million because we realize that we have placed you in a position of financial disparity that possibly you can't make up. So I ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Koch amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Do you want a Call of the House?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I request a Call of the House and a roll call vote. I don't like to get people away from lunch too early but this is rather important.

SENATOR CLARK: A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of a Call of the House will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.