

willing to bite into a sales tax increase, or some other form of increase in order to fund it to make that shift. So, at this point, I will be withdrawing my particular amendment, but I think it does point out the fact that if we're going to do this we need to make sure that the funds are there. We ought to fund it fully, even if it means a tax increase. I hope it wouldn't, but it's intended to be somewhat of a catch net. Hopefully between now and Select File we'll be in a position where we're going to have numbers that are starting to be better solidified in terms of what the revenues are, what our other spending priorities are going to be this year, and then at that point hopefully those people that are supporting this bill are supporting it to the level that I am, that being that we will fund this bill, whatever it takes. If it takes a half cent sales tax, implement it now, trigger it at some effective date, whatever that be. But we have some kind of mechanism there to assure that LB 84 is funded properly as it progresses over this interim period. So, with that, I will withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, it is withdrawn. I'd like to take a moment to remind the body that Senator Robak has some visitors in the north balcony. Thirty-nine second graders from Emerson with their teachers. Interestingly enough, Senator Robak's granddaughter, Andrea, is also a part of that group. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we're delighted to have you with us this morning. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Lamb, any discussion on the bill itself?

SENATOR LAMB: Am I closing, Mr. President?

SPEAKER BARRETT: No, sir.

SENATOR LAMB: I'll waive at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR MOORE: Just briefly, Mr. President. As I mentioned earlier, on the adoption of the amendment, my support of LB 84 and the fact that I think it's high time that the rural interest and the urban interests in the State of Nebraska come together