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LB 813

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, and the question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 813. Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote if you would care to vote on the adoption of the amendment. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. The Chair is pleased to pause for a moment and recognize some guests in our north balcony, Senator Nelson has 35 seventh from Trinity Lutheran School in Grand Island with their principal. Would you people please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. And Senators Schimek and McFarland are announcing the presence of 75 students from Prescott Elementary in our north balcony as well. Would you people please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. We are very pleased to have you students with us this morning. Mr. Clerk, the next item on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next one I have is by Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

CLERK: It is AM1506, Senator. (See page 2051 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. Mr. President and members, this is the amendment that I offered to LB 813 that deals with the issue of the textbook program that I passed out to you a chronology of events that has taken place. This is an issue that has been before the body for at least the last 18 years and would, my amendment would fund that program to the tune of \$150,000. This falls in that category of items that was not before the Appropriations Committee and there is good reason for that. The reason is is that prior to April 7th when the Supreme Court unanimously came down and said that the provision in the program, the funding thereof, is constitutional, that the issue was still in the courts. So there was really no ability to take this to the Appropriations Committee for their discussion and their perusal and I offer it here as an amendment to LB 813. It would increase what is currently in the bill, I think the figure is at \$850 presently, to, as I stated, \$150,000. I passed out the chronology of events with regard to this issue and you can