

appropriations, there is even less perfect a bill there because there is always going to be something in that bill you don't like but, obviously, the whole bill is something you can't support, and this particular, LB 814, the bill I voted...I opposed coming out of committee because there is some high dollar items in this bill that I understand are necessary but I guess I, myself, am not convinced they are that necessary that they need to go in the budget this year, and I concur totally with what Senator Warner is saying that if you would, for some reason, adopt this amendment and make it stick, you would be absolutely incorrect to think you now had \$40 million to build into the base. You know, at the very most, the intention behind the whole LB 814, obviously, is spread out over four years, and so if you save this money in the front end, you are not making that much available to build into the base, and I think I want to make that perfectly clear. Whatever, if you adopt this amendment and make a certain amount of it stick, only a fourth of that probably is the way, if you wanted to, you could build into the base. I think that is important to remember that, but as I said, it is not something I relish but something in my own mind I am much more comfortable voting, as I said, voting no when it was put out of committee, voting yes for it today. There is a variety of things I will be supporting putting back in theoretically. I think if that is what it takes for the body to understand all those things, if that is what it takes to get 25 votes and have broad-based support for those things, that is the way we should probably do it. So I rise to support Senator Hartnett's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield is next, but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony. Senator Dierks and Senator Robak have 13 fourth graders from St. Edward, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate Senator Hartnett's willingness to stand up and say, here is my philosophy, at least here is why I am doing it, and if I could, I would like to pursue with Senator Hartnett a little bit, if you would respond, Senator Hartnett. I appreciate your...you and Senator Korshoj are both saying I have got some frustrations with the process, I don't know as I understand it all that well, I'd rather start on bricks and mortar than programs and services because I think I can get ahold of that. That, to me, makes