

have you with us this morning. Also, let the record reflect the presence earlier of 46 fourth graders from Senator Lowell Johnson's district, Lincoln Public Schools specifically and Fremont, with their teacher. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to return Legislative Bill 336 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment is on page 1739, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, this amendment comes upon a recommendation from the Appropriations Committee's Chair, Senator Warner. In discussion with the Education Department during their budget hearing, it became apparent that they have some federal dollars available to deal with experimental types of programs in the area of education, and it was felt that those dollars could be applied to the school restructuring program that LB 336 envisions being created. So what the amendment to LB 336 does, basically it saves some \$170,000, roughly, in General Fund appropriations by...the amendment reduces those General Fund appropriations. They will be substituted. Federal funds will substitute for those so there will be no effect on the program at all, it's just we'll be able to use some federal money and will not have the impact on the General Fund budget, so I would urge you to adopt the amendment to return LB 336 to Select File to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on Senator Withem's motion to return the bill? Seeing none, those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is returned. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, hopefully, I explained the amendment on the motion to return. It's a...this amendment makes a change in the amount of dollars that are appropriated, decreasing them to reflect the fact that federal dollars are available to fund part of the cost of the program.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion? Any questions on the amendment? If not, those in favor of its