

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We should try to get on the same wave length and make sure that the words we say mean the same thing to those of us who are speaking as it will to those who are hearing. On this particular amendment there were things that I don't think were being clearly communicated among us as a body and I have acknowledged that I cast a vote that was erroneous. I cannot undo it by us having a reconsideration so all I can do is vote against the bill. And that was a long way around to make that point but I hope there might be a couple of other points I made along the way and it might let you all know why I'm so popular with the young children. They want me to come to school. When I go to them to read they tell me, don't read to us, tell us a story and talk to us. We all have to do that. Remain as children, they are the most precious thing in this society and the education that we give to them should truly be education.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm afraid that this bill, the amendment that I voted for, does not contribute to that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill? Followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support LB 525 as amended. I feel that we need to increase state aid. I have always been a supporter of state aid. In fact, the last time we added to state aid to schools I believe it was by the tune of \$40 million. I believe that was back in '82 or '83. And I said at this time that if we would increase state aid to schools by the same percentage that we increased the state budget, then we would keep up with the times. But since that time we have not increased state aid by very much or according to the figures here we haven't increased it by any dollars. I think Senator Kristensen is right in offering this amendment and I think the body acted in good faith this morning when we adopted this amendment. We need to remember that the teachers will receive a major portion of this \$18 million because in most schools teacher salary runs 60, 70 or 80 or maybe even 85 percent of the school's budget. So I am going to support it and urge you folks to advance this bill as amended.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson.