

probably feels a need to do something in regard to state aid to education because of his long-standing commitment to state aid to education and understanding also that probably no matter what we put in the bill that it would be vetoed, and I understand that. But what I think the body needs to do is to rise a little bit above that if we can and basically ask the questions that need to be asked. Number one, whether it is 9, 18 or 36 over a two-year period, where is the money going to come from? Last night two things were asked. There was an amendment in LB 84 to take money out of 84 to finance school aid to education and the body said, no, we're not going to take the money out of there. Then we had LB 89 last night and Senator Nelson had an amendment that was good for discussion, we'll take that and turn it into state aid to education and the body said, no. And during the discussion of both those areas, the body indicated that they understood that even \$18 million over a two-year period, making 36, would not do anything to significantly change education in the State of Nebraska. In fact, we've been told by the same school lobby that it will take at least \$50 million of state aid to education just to stay even each year on property taxes, \$50 million each year just to stay even on property taxes. Nine million dollars, though a good gesture, does nothing. We need to look at state aid to education, we need to come up with good policy for state aid to education, we need to look at LB 611 and see where we're going on the refinancing of the school, but for the administrative body of schools to come to this Legislature, two days ago basically, and say, oh, by the way, we know you've probably overspent by 20 or so more million dollars, don't bother, don't worry about that, just go ahead and spend another 36 million over two years and don't worry about that, it's all for kids, to me, it gets a little ridiculous. I would love to support state aid to education. I painfully talked to my school administrators this morning and interestingly enough when they found out that the lobby for their organization did nothing to approach the Appropriations Committee in great strength or effort, they did nothing to promote any bill in the body, all they did was two days ago decided that they want to have something. When they understood what actually happened, all of a sudden they said, I didn't realize that other side of the story. I guess we've got some problems within our organization, don't we? And I said, I think we do. Members of the body, the other thing to think about that hasn't been talked about and I just kind of made a quick list to myself, if you go ahead and pass 18, if you go ahead and pass 9 million, I think what you want to ask yourself is, if the Governor would pass it and many