

concern that if we don't, it will be much worse for the bills that we did pass and I think we're all aware of which bills those would be. LB 89, the teacher salary stipend, state aid programs, a number of worthy programs will be vetoed out if we don't stand tough on these particular issues. I urge the body not to override this veto and not to override any others in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, please, followed by Senator McFarland and Senator Withem, Senator Labeledz and Senator Hall. Senator Rogers, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, you know I think by voting for the override of this one thing that I felt very strongly about, you know, I think it would show the support that the people in the state would show for our private schools. Sure, they talk about don't override any of the vetoes, I don't think there is a member in here knows exactly what the bottom line is, if they do, on budget and on dollars. If they do, I wish someone would show me because we've seen a lot of figures and I still haven't seen that bottom line. I don't think the state has a bank balance like you or I do. If they do, I'd like to see the figures so I don't think it's a big concern if some of these bills that the Governor has vetoed, that if we override them, but I simply state I just think it would show support of the people of the state realizing the benefits that I and everyone else in this state receives dollarwise, if you want to bring that factor into it from having our private schools and giving them this little bit of help. It may keep them around a lot longer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow senators. My understanding is that the textbook loan program has been something that was a part of legislation passed as far back as 1973. My further understanding is that this program has never been fully implemented because of lack of funding and because of a constitutional question involved. This past year the Nebraska Supreme Court has decided that constitutional issue and has said, if I read the opinion correctly and the news reports of it, that, in fact, the textbook loan program for private schools is, in fact, constitutional. The problem is it has never been funded and it seems to me that if you disagree with that program, if you disagree with the philosophy of the