

Holling Heights School in Omaha, there with their instructors. Would you folks please stand and let us welcome you to the Legislature, all of you. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk, next.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move that Section 16 relating to the school reorganization surveys found in Agency 13 to become law notwithstanding the Governor's line-item veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, this is a small sum of money. If you're looking at a magic figure of around \$10 million, it would take about 250 of these bills to make that sum of...make up that sum of money. It is in our totality of what we're doing very insignificant. It is \$30,000 this year, 15,000 the next and I think an error I noted on the Governor's explanation sheet there was an assumption that this would continue on. It is not, it will not continue on in the base. This is one-time expenditure of \$45,000 over the next two years. The fact that the Governor's Office thought that it was a continuation is an indication of something I'm going to tell you about a little later, is that they don't even understand what this is all about and they vetoed it anyway. There is a...I found no one out there who can explain to me what the rationale was for this override. It was just money taken out. If you recall last year we had a very emotional debate on the floor of this Legislature dealing with LB 940, the bill dealing with school district reorganization and this Legislature kind of broke a log jam that we've had here for decades dealing with that issue of school district reorganization when we passed by a very substantial margin LB 940. LB 940, if you remember, did a number of things and I'll state them and not necessarily in any order of importance but as I remember them. It stated the goal of this Legislature is that all school property...all property in this state should be part of K-12 school systems, that all school districts should be accredited. We sunsetted the nonresident tuition. We set up a task force on school finance that is carrying on yet to this date. We restructured the county reorganization committees and we told those committees that they had the responsibility of coming back with new plans by the year 1990. With mandating those plans we made a promise to those school district reorganization committees that through the Department of Education we were going to provide technical assistance for them to carry out these plans.