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LB 898, 899

bill. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of the bill, so for those of you who care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the advancement of the LB 898, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. May I introduce some guests, please of Senator Warner. In the south balcony we have 26 kindergarten through 6th graders from Emerald, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Move on to LB 899.

CLERK: 899, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Scofield, Weihing and Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Appropriations Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, are you going to handle that?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, Mr. President, this bill was found in committee to have a higher and better purpose than what the title indicates and so the amendments strike the original bill and insert a new section and we appropriate \$30,000 to Kearney State College for a feasibility study in a development of a program statement for an alternative to third floor at Founders Hall. Founders Hall was one of those projects last year that was vetoed. There is still a crying need for classroom space at Kearney State. If you've been out there lately, you know that classrooms are very full and, in fact, they are spilling over in the hallways. So the committee amendments make this appropriation to Kearney so that they can do a feasibility study and look at an alternative to the third floor of Founders Hall. And I think this is really a better way to go in terms of the growing needs out there and the enrollments that are occurring. The proposed addition to Founders Hall would have added approximately 27,000 gross square feet for additional classroom and faculty office space for the Social Sciences, and yet that space might be a fairly inefficient space compared to this other alternative. You'll end up with less than 16,000 assignable square feet of classroom and faculty office space. The proposed third floor addition was envisioned by Kearney to dovetail with a future renovation of Copeland Hall which now houses the