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And, Mr. President, finally a message to: Dear Mr. President and Senators, today I signed and delivered to the Secretary of State LB 259 and LB 259A, the School Affiliation bill. Because of the sincere fears expressed by a number of dedicated Nebraskans who have built strong Class I school districts, I reflected long and hard on this legislation. My decision was not an easy one to reach and I listened closely at various stages in the legislative process to leaders on both sides of the issue. In the end, however, it was my "bottom line" concern for assisting rural Nebraska and/or preserving the chance of county schools to keep offering a vital option to their families which led me to sign. Without this bill, we would face a crisis with the July 1, 1991 sunset on nonresident tuition. Furthermore, LB 259 creates an innovative affiliation mechanism that is not now available to Class I school patrons who are looking for tools for the future. On balance, my view is that LB 259 works... offers a workable solution to the divisive issue of school organization. It was developed over several years through the painstaking efforts of members of each type of school district. With four legislative sessions ahead of us before the implementation of Phase III, there will be numerous opportunities to modify this law, especially if any portion should prove damaging to quality learning opportunities. Barring such surprise, Nebraska voters can be expected to take the Legislature at its word and the declaration of LB 259 closes the book on a session of conflict over school district organization. It is my intention to continue to push rural revitalization aggressively. The three and a half years spent working on these complex issues have convinced me that we must do more to develop flexible approaches to the delivery of education in the majority of our beautiful state that is sparsely populated. Sincerely, Kay Orr, Governor. (See pages 1904-05 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is adjournment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the motion to adjourn. Have you all voted? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I'd like to ask for a call of the house and roll call vote.