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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there anyone who wishes to debate this amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Withem amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Baack. The amendment is found on page 1696 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, this amendment to LB 719 is actually LB 210 and if you look in your bill books you'll find that LB 210 was indefinitely postponed by the committee, not necessarily because they were in opposition to the bill, but because they had amended all of the contents of LB 210 into LB 698 and it was going to move in that fashion. What LB 210 is, is making the adjustments necessary in the way that we fund open enrollment or choice for schools in the State of Nebraska. As we discussed LB 1059 last year it was always the intent that we would include in those monies that come from 1059, the funding for the open enrollment or the choice legislation. We did not go through this motions of putting in all of the language and stuff that made it fit totally in with 1059 because we were not sure that 1059 would stay in place, that we would have it retained so we decided not to do that. Last year we decided to wait and see if it was retained and now that it has been retained we decided to go ahead with this mechanism. The Appropriations Committee had to consider this year a deficit request for the funding of choice because we funded it last year at a certain level. There were a lot more students participate than we anticipated, therefore, we're only funding it now at about a 50 percent level. So there is a deficit request in. The Appropriations Committee has determined that they are not going to recommend that we fund that deficit. I'm going to make a determination a little later on. I'm going to put in amendments to try and pursue that deficit on the floor of the Legislature as we discuss the budget bill, but what this