

\$15,000. So let's vote against Senator Nelson's amendment to do away with the whole program because this is a good program. We need it here in the State of Nebraska. Other states are doing it and this will give 98 students every year, nongifted students, every year a chance to participate. So I would urge you to vote against Senator Nelson's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson. Just a second, Senator Robinson, we do have an announcement. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Senator Withem would like to have an Executive Session of the Education Committee right away under the north balcony.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: After listening, or, Mr. President, members of the body, after listening to everyone talking, I don't think it's hard to sum up what went wrong. The people that ran the conference were lousy. Get rid of them. Find someone that knows how to run a conference for young people. You look at the money they spent. No wonder, they were wild spenders, but don't blame the young people. I hear people get up and they talk about the spending. We agreed to that. Let's talk about the young people. Who were they? They were young people that had never had a chance to go to any kind of a conference. Give them a chance, people. I speak against Senator Nelson's amendment. I speak in favor of Senator Hefner's amendment. I think we should have a little more money. I'm afraid, Senator Hefner, if we don't have enough money it will sink again. If we eliminate it, I'll make you a bet, you won't see it back in here. I'll bet you 10 bucks, Senator Hefner, you won't see it back in here. Boys State, Girls State, who are they? They're the best students, always the best students. The Hugh O'Brien program are the best students, but not that young person, the guy that always went up to bat last, you know, the meek little girl in the back of the room, those are the kind of kids we're talking about. Give them a chance. It's a great boost in self-esteem just to let them go there. They don't have to come out of there knowing everything in the world. They're going to listen to some good people, they might pick up a few things, and if they do that it is successful. Please vote against Senator Nelson's amendment. When Senator Hefner's amendment comes up, please vote in favor of that. Thank you.