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LR 24

to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Warner? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the Warner amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The Warner amendment is adopted. I would like to direct the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Morrissey are 12 seventh and eighth graders from St. Andrews School in Tecumseh with their teacher. Will you please rise and be recognized and welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. Now we will have debate on the bill, itself. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, I rise to oppose the advancement of 849A, and it is with kind of unusual circumstances that I do so. Obviously, you know this body last week advanced LR 24, and we advanced the language in LB 849, and actually I, as you may well remember, I was one of the late votes for the passage of LB 849 because I think it makes perfect sense that, for one, this body probably, even though we may not all be great fans of lottery, it makes good sense for us to put something proper on the ballot, and, two, if we are going to have something on the ballot, it does, indeed, make some sense to put the language in statute so people understand what it is they are going to vote on. But I think when it comes to the A bill, I think that is where I guess I will question how far and how quickly we need to move. Now if you advance this bill, even though I think the Warner amendment made sense because it said the appropriation is not valid until the bill becomes law; the bill doesn't become law until probably December of '92 if, indeed, the people of the State of Nebraska approve it. But I guess my question is this, I mean is it that important that we pass this A bill today, spend \$2 million in this biennium, all... I mean we are talking about the matter of difference in months because I think if you truly need to start the lottery in December of '92, assuming its passage, you need to pass this A bill? I guess my preference is to, I think LR 24, if the votes are here to pass that, that is fine. I think if you pass LR 24, then it probably is, indeed, wise to put LB 849 in statute so people understand what they are voting on, but I do not think we need to advance the A bill. And the reason I say that is let's say the scenario is this. LR 24 goes on the