

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 843, when the Legislature discussed it this morning, there was offered an amendment to the bill by Senator Hefner. Senator Chambers amended Senator Hefner's amendment. I now have pending the Hefner amendment as amended.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, will this be my closing?

SPEAKER BAACK: No, we're just on the amendment now.

SENATOR HEFNER: Just on...okay, I will just...

SPEAKER BAACK: Would you just like to...would you just like to update us on what the amendment is, then we'll go from there.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...I'll just update you a little bit. My amendment to LB 843 was to appropriate \$15,000 for the Youth Academy.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, just one second. (Gavel.) Would you hold your conversations down, please. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My amendment would take \$15 million (sic) and put it in the Youth Leadership Academy. Remember, the other day, and I'll get to that, Senator Chambers, and that was right before lunch, that was amended to put \$30,000 in it. And I...I supported that amendment because I realized that \$15,000 probably wasn't enough but that was patterned after the Boys State Program that the American Legion has in Nebraska. But with the \$30,000 now in there, we'll be able to do a little more. We'll be able to pay for the transportation expenses for these students coming to this academy. And that's about all I have to say about it. I will try to answer any questions that you may have. Oh, one...one thought here. I believe Senator Schmit says, well, we don't have enough dollars to do them all. Well, what we did...or I should back up a little bit, the Appropriations Committee put \$70,000 into the program and that was amended out by Senator Arlene Nelson. But that doesn't come out of our budget. That would still be in the Legislative Research Division's budget. So what we're doing now is taking this \$30,000 out of that so there would be \$40,000 less for the Legislative Research Division budget and I just wanted to clarify that.