

grateful for Senator Moore's effort. I think he has improved the public policy. One of the things that Senator Moore's language does for us is to remove the prospect of some kind of an attempt to receive injunctive relief, to stop the actions of the department by claiming that certain legislative language has not been complied with. It places the report at the time of the closing as opposed to before it, which I think is a sensible thing to do. He has clearly separated the interest here between an accounting that Senator Wesely urges us to make, and the right and power of both the Legislature and the executive branch to do this work. There are no impediments in the Moore language to that function occurring. What there is is some accountability, and that should suffice for those of us who care about this issue, who are trying to get, as Senator Wesely, I think, correctly asks for, an accounting; that the public policy goals that are alleged to be the case will, in fact, occur. That seems reasonable. I applaud Senator Moore's flexibility, and I think his is the better language to use. I intend to vote for it, and I think it is a sound way of proceeding, giving some recognition to the legitimate points that Senator Wesely is raising, but at the same time keeping free the administrative discretion necessary to do the tough work of budget cuts. I will support the Moore amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Robinson. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I admit the Moore amendment maybe makes the discussion of the Whitehall School a little bit more palatable, but I will tell you, as I said yesterday, and I don't know if all of you were on the floor, or not, there is a time that we cannot be all things to everyone, and this may be one of the things. I am not saying that the kids may or may not get something out of the school. In the past, they have about three programs out there, they had 142 employees, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, to take care of the cottages and so on. Some of the students can be integrated into the other schools. If one happens to come maybe from Ansley or Wood River, Nebraska, they may not be able to be. But as Senator Wesely said, most of these students are from Lincoln, and I have a real problem, this year the budget is in with another year's program, so it is hard to put your finger on exactly what we are talking about. I think we are talking about over \$500,000, and as Senator Wesely