

unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Will the senators please be seated and please check in. Senator Abboud, would you please check in? Senator Baack. Senator Pirsch. Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud, Senator Chambers, and Senator Pirsch. Still looking for Senator Abboud. We will proceed with roll call on the Kristensen amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See page 2406 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 22 nays.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Are there further amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hall and Chizek would move to amend the bill. (See AM2040 on page 2407 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. This is a rerun of the amendment that was offered by Senator Coordsen yesterday. I did not vote on it because of the way in which it was to be funded. It was not because of the issue that was before us. It's approximately 39,500 dollars. It deals with the NEB*SAT issue. The way the amendment is drafted currently, it would come out of General Funds as opposed to the trust fund, as Senator Coordsen had originally offered it. I would urge adoption of the amendment. I was not opposed to the funding, only the method by which the funding was to take place. I would yield the balance of the opening to Senator Chizek.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes, Senator Hall explained basically what happened. We had some concern yesterday as to where the funding was coming from out of the penalty interest fund and so we worked with Senator Moore's staff in getting the amendment rewritten to provide the 39,500 from the General Fund because that is certainly more appropriately where it should come from than out of the penalty interest fund. And I think there was never any doubt in our mind about the quality and the worth of the program or the project. It was simply a matter of where the funding came. And so I would ask your support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chizek. I'll recognize