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LB 701A
LR 191

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any items for the record?

CLERK: Madam President, one. Senator Conway offers LR 191. (Read brief description. See pages 2413-14 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I would like to direct the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Wehrbein are 65 fourth graders from Nebraska City Public Schools and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers this morning. Thank you very much. We will proceed with Item 8 on the agenda, motions.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Rasmussen would move to return LB 701A to Select File for a specific amendment. She had amendments printed on page 2279 and page 2110. I have notes that she wishes to withdraw those. She would move to return for AM2042. That amendment is now pending. (The Rasmussen amendment appears on page 2414 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator, I had your two amendments you had printed earlier you had instructed me to withdraw and you're offering AM2042.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you. Thought I was in better shape. Guess not. Too much sitting around in here. This is...I would like to return this to avoid a double printing on this. It's a fairly technical amendment to the A bill to clarify how the money is going to be handled. If you remember, what we're talking about is not a lot of new funds here but using two sources for funding. One is some existing federal dollars through part (h) of 99-457 and that has been going to the Department of Education and we're talking about transferring some of that money to the Department of Social Services. And in the original A bill, we talked about that going to the State Treasurer when, in fact, that money comes through a letter of credit directly to the Department of Education. So that's the first clarification. And the second is that the state aid for special education will be reduced through the special ed funding procedure by the amount that is covered in the demonstration project sites through Medicaid dollars. So this is basically a