

the money for the...picking up the lost federal funds, I mean, there's nothing what so...in any way, shape or form that prevents that from being spent, that can be done with whatever they want, and there would be a certain...there would be a very large cry to spend that money by the constituents served there because the money would be there. As far as the other money, the school lunch money, that's...I'm saying it would take an action by this body next year. It's not so much trusting the Education Department, it would be a matter of fact of us trusting ourselves and it's hard to...if you get those motions back to back, it would be hard to get the votes to make them...make them work as you separate them by year and the chances are slim to none. And so, with that, I just need to...everybody understand that, yes, if you had...if you were able to, you'd make this not cost money but we are not able to and it does \$920,000. With that, I once again urge that the body sustain the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I would respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There is no one else wishing to speak on the issue so I will recognize Senator Rasmussen for closing.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, just want to remind you of three things. One, we passed legislation last year in LB 567. We said we were going to do this. The people went out and did the work. They trusted us. Perhaps we should learn to trust ourselves a little better. We said we would do this and a good deal of excitement, enthusiasm and hard work has gone into, put in these projects because they trusted us on our word and I think we should follow up on it. The second thing is that there is a potential and I realize that we're going to have to come back in and authorize that \$310,000 from the school lunch programs. It's going to have to be put back towards this project. But since we made that promise last year, I hope we will follow through it on this year and then next year stand good by that in terms of using those monies that are available and that the Department of Education is willing to devote to this project. And the third and final thing I would remind you of is that putting money into our children, particularly in the first five years, is one of the most important things that we could do in terms of good budgeting for the future. The first five years of life are too