

line with the rest, but let's have some group do it that are specialized in it and have the ability. There is nothing wrong with Legislative Research. They tried their best, but I think those folks are professionally trained to do something in programs other than this, and as a better use of the taxpayers' dollars. And I don't think any one of us, I do agree with Senator Hefner or Senator Lamb, the comments was not necessarily positive, but we all have positive and negative comments. So I just move to move it to the Education Department where I think it really belongs, if you are going to put it in the name of education. If you are going to put it in entertainment, put it in tourism.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. We will now vote on the...or Senator Nelson, I am sorry. We will now vote on the Nelson amendment to the amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 16 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment fails. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Hefner amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President and members of the body, I cosponsored this amendment with Senator Hefner, and I would like to explain my thinking on this program and this amendment. First of all, I think this is an important amendment. Many of you may recall that we adopted this program several years ago when Bill Barrett was the Speaker of the Legislature. Senator Hefner and I and Senator Barrett cosponsored the bill that established this program, and I was very excited about it. I thought it was a tremendous idea and I thought it had great potential, and I still do. I think it is a tremendous idea and it has great potential, but I guess I am a little bit disappointed in the program as it has occurred over the last couple of years, and I did make a special effort this year to talk with the students who participated from my district. And I think they enjoyed it, and they got something out of it, but, somehow, I just don't think Legislative Research had enough time or enough staff, maybe, to develop the week's program as much as it could have been developed, and I am not sure that the