

curriculum requirements in the school districts. There is nothing radical about this approach. I think if you just ask yourself one question, is this common sense? Does this make sense, will this get us back on the path to emphasizing the courses that we think should be emphasized by the schools? Ask yourself the common sense question, don't we know that Nebraska schools are a little off course in this regard? Think of your own school districts. Can't you think of courses that are given for credit that ought not to be given for credit? Be interesting to hear what the Pages had to say about this particular issue. I'll bet everyone of them can think of at least three courses that shouldn't have been given for credit that were given for credit in their high schools. In any event, that's what this amendment does. That would make me feel comfortable with the bill. I hope it would make you feel more comfortable with the bill and, more importantly, you would be sending a very important signal to the school districts out there about what they should be thinking about and what this Legislature is going to be thinking more about in terms of education in this state. You will be telling them that we're serious about this curriculum question and that we're going to get to it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Beutler's closing on his amendment. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the amendment by Senator Beutler. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 13 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now go back to the bill as amended. Is there anyone wishing to speak on the advancement of LB 336? Seeing no one, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I appreciate the body's patience, you know, in a short session days like today are very difficult to deal with because there are other issues to get to, other things to look at and