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SPEAKER BAACK: Only if you are going to challenge my ruling, that's the only way you'd...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Then I'll challenge the ruling.

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a challenge of the Chair. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Mr. Speaker and members, as I indicated to you earlier, Mr. Speaker, it is my intent to withdraw this amendment at this time and to have the various groups that are interested in this bill, I know, I understand the school districts are out there scrambling around trying to tell senators that this is not a bad...a good amendment, and...but I insist that this matter should be debated this session. It is a good cut. It is a good cut for public policy reasons. I am sure the school districts do not want to lose any money or any state aid, but this is money, in my view, that they do not need to operate their schools, and it is a cut that we should look seriously at making; \$1.7 million is a significant cut, I think, especially when we don't see a lot of programmatic cuts coming across the floor to vote on. With that, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to you earlier before this amendment came up, I will withdraw the amendment and possibly raise it again. Yeah, besides for \$1.7 million, I will challenge the Chair, but in any event, I will withdraw the amendment at this point.

SPEAKER BAACK: I assume that you are withdrawing your challenge to the Chair at the same time?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, I am. No, the challenge stays, but I am just withdrawing the amendment. I will also withdraw the challenge.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. It is withdrawn. I would recognize Senator Labeledz for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my privilege and a great honor to introduce the representatives from the Nebraska Coalition for Life in the south balcony, and join me in welcoming them here in the Unicameral today. Thank you for coming.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Anything further on