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none, Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: I just move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 19. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 19.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 19 advances. We will now go to LB 29.

CLERK: LB 29 was a bill introduced by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on September 23, referred to Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, with the amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Baack. The bill that Senator Chizek brought us...by the way, I would like to enter into the fray just a little bit by commending him for bringing the bill forward. I think one of the things that may have been lacking during this special session is that we've all...a lot of us have come in content to simply react to those budget cutting ideas that the Governor has brought forward. Senator Chizek did bring a proposal forward and I know he's taken a lot of criticism and a lot of heat from people who questioned his motives and his parentage and other factors along with that. But when we're in this sort of situation where not only for this special session but for the next special session, for the next several general sessions, we are going to be looking not at what kind of good, exciting program we can create for the citizenry of our state but where we're going to have to limit. I don't think anything should be sacred and those who thought that somehow bringing in a particular proposal, and it's been on the table any number of times before for consideration, was somehow improper, I disagree with those. Having said that, what the bill did was it closes the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, effective on the effective date of this act. The committee was split on this measure. I do not know what the vote would have been had we taken a vote on the bill up or down, but, in discussion, the committee did decide that such immediate closure probably would not be policy to recommend to the body. There