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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...do view it as a problem in that if we're going to have a hiring freeze, then we should have the hiring freeze, but if we're not, then I don't think we should hide the money in other portions of the budget and that's what I feel that this action is not the appropriate way to go about establishing how the State of Nebraska is spending its money. I do understand that the committee was not aware of it, that they were deceived as well and they've tried to make the best of the situation and I appreciate the hard work of Senator Wehrbein and the committee in trying to deal with this very serious problem and I will follow their guidance in supporting the legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. There are no further speakers. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I would like to withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk. We are on Final Reading, will members please return to their seats. We are on Final Reading. Senators, please return to your seats. Please proceed.

CLERK: (Read LB 889 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 889 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote taken. See pages 1973-74 of the Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 889 passes with the emergency clause attached. Senator Pirsch would like to announce that there are 30 first through twelfth graders and their teacher here from Zion Christian Academy and High School in Omaha. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized,