

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't have a handout on that yet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's all right. Are you RRW, number two?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, what do you have in front of you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. It was handed out by Senator Wehrbein and it gives the rationale I suppose for overriding this part of the Governor's veto. Is that correct, Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It was an explanation, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And it's clear that the committee is supporting this or it wouldn't be in their package and I support it too. And this is one of the items which maybe I should have some questions in my mind about supporting because they want to move the school from what has been referred to a campus that is located in the district that I serve. But from all the things that I have read and the various things that I have heard, the fact that there now remain 56 students being accommodated rather than 200, it could be argued very persuasively that space for 200 is too great an amount to retain. But there is a question or two I'd have to ask Senator Wehrbein because I'm not exactly sure where we are on moving the School for the Deaf. Senator Wehrbein, are you aware of discussions that were being had between those who operate the School for the Deaf and the Omaha Public School System?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I'm aware that it's going on. I don't know the details other than this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but the discussion involves trying to procure a building and some grounds which belong to the Omaha Public School District, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I would ask Senator Brown maybe a question or two if she is more familiar with that activity since she is from Omaha. Senator Brown, are you aware at this time where those negotiations are between the School for