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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm not going to lay on that point right now, but I asked the questions in hopes that somebody might be able to answer them for me. I do have additional problems with the bill, and I have, I think, at least two amendments which are pending, and I may offer some others because I have made a mistake in the past by letting bills move onto Select File, especially when they are as serious as this kind, then we run out of time or the need to negotiate breaks down because there might be enough votes, so I am not going to withdraw any of my amendments, or not deal with the issues that I see at this point on General File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, I'm much...I'm much more comfortable also, as Senator Janssen said, with the loans, but I also am concerned about the frame work that we do these loans. Who is going to make the decision and who gets the loans, you know, or that is...to me that is something. So I would, if we could strike, also, Senator Vrtiska, we could strike the grants and just simply make it loans, if it is constitutionally okay. But...and who is going to make the decision on County A gets a loan, or School District A, what is...you know, are we opening up a big can of worms. So I will support the loan part of it, but I also think maybe we need to strike the grant part of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner. Is there any further discussion on the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment? Seeing none, Senator Vrtiska to close. Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1248. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Vrtiska's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Vrtiska amendment is adopted.