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SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..and classroom expenses. There is language we can put together I think that would be tighter than that and make it clear exactly what we're talking about so nobody can take this to mean that we're talking about something other than instruction or those core subjects that we think of when we talk about academics. So when I talk about massaging the language, it's things like that and not to change the thrust of the amendment at all. And I'm not going to try to offer any changes at this point because I just saw your amendment. I don't want to try to do something on the floor at this point, but I do like the direction it's going and I am going to support it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Will to close.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, and again I think that I like the approach of this amendment. I would hope the body would support it. It gets us away from doing a specific mentioning of specific activities that ought to be cut, that it's our intent to be cut before others, while the general thrust of the amendment I think emphasizes the fact that the Legislature recognizes that classroom expenditures are those that are most directly affecting the educational experience of the children of the state of Nebraska and are those that we ought to hold off on cutting until the last resort, as the amendment is stated. Senator Chambers, I agree with you. I think that there are some language changes that might be able to be made that make this more clear and more clearly state the intent of the Legislature and also, you know, Senators Bromm and Kristensen made good points in that there's not a definitive bright line between what goes on in a classroom and those things that contribute to the positive experiences of a classroom, and I think that's the intent of the amendment as I would understand it and that is something that I...hopefully the body will adopt this amendment and then we can go on and if changes need to be made we can make them on Select File, and I'd be happy to work with anyone who is concerned about this issue, as I am, at that point. So, with that, I would urge your adoption of my amendment.