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raised. Mr. Clerk, LB 1264A.

CLERK: LB 1264A, Mr. President, by Senator Brashear. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear, to open on your bill.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is simply the appropriation bill to accompany the Spirit License Plate bill, and I urge its adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens on the motion to advance.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. As I mentioned to Senator Brashear a few minutes ago, one of the things I'll be doing between now and Select File is offering an amendment. I suspect it will be to the A bill although it may have to be to the original bill itself, because the bill generates about 1.2 million extra dollars that at this point would go to the Scholarship Fund. What my amendment will do is put the...shift the dollars and so it goes to the Equalization Fund and public education who will...where is the...where the fight is going to be certainly on property tax side where some of the young athletes that will, in fact, be part of the program that Senator Brashear is certainly excited about, and others are, too, that we put the dollars in the equalization program for public education. So, that'll be the amendment that I'll be offering on Select File.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will say that Senator Brashear put in an item that does have some value, and I suppose even manure has a value when you use it for fertilizer. So, in a sense, the money that he put in that would go for scholarships and academic assistance will be a plus. But this is the way a society salves its conscience when it knows that what it is doing is wrong. Rather than correct the wrong, it tries to make the wrong palatable. It tries to temporize, rationalize, and make it appear not as ugly as it really is. You get all these fanatics running down there to buy these license plates, and the only reason they will do it is because the football players win. The only ones who the