

to see why it's all going back into a narrow concept of Husker spirit which has only to do with athletics. And so I would like to see a little more discussion of that because I think that if we had time to debate fully and to think about it that perhaps we might approve of diversifying these funds a little bit more into something a little broader than what we see here which funnels it all back into athletics. And I don't think Husker spirit, I don't want Husker spirit to be only about athletics. I want it to be about all the other things we have to be proud of which I think are many. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to rise in support of the amendment. First of all, it would seem to me and maybe somebody else would comment on this that if we...if there are, in fact, enough votes to attach this to 1264 that that would indicate that there would still be strong support for the bill which I have been supporting the bill from the very beginning and will continue to do so whether this is attached or not. But if there are enough votes, it seems like to me it wouldn't damage the goods. But secondly, I think that as we look forward a couple of years, we have some different, we have certainly some dark clouds on the horizon or at least some potential dark clouds on the horizon; what might or might not occur at the federal level, what might or might not occur relative to the economy of the state and of the country, what might or might not occur relative to our revenues, whether they're going to continue to ebb and flow. The situation that concerns me is very similar to Bernard-Stevens and we saw the other day, whether it was because of the timing, because of now we need to let some things sort out on the whole property tax issue and the issue of replacement revenue, but there was an attempt to provide some additional funds for our schools, who everyone I'm sure recognizes are going to be hit the hardest, have to make the biggest adjustments relative to what we're looking at. So it seems to me that we're going to be looking for probably every nook and cranny to where we can pull a couple of dollars from here and there to support those things that turn out to be our highest priority. And I think that we're continuing to have to focus on the realization that the highest priority are going to get our attention and some of those less priority items are going to have to fall by the wayside. So I think that this would be a good use for these funds if they