

for schools had increased and how much state aid had increased, and then I listed all the subdivisions. Take a look at that and absorb it. That's the reason we're here today talking about these bills and there are going to be some changes made, you know it and I know it, and there will be no disaster take place. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Like to pause here a second and introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have 40 fourth graders from Senator Schimek's district, Roper Elementary School, with their teachers. We also have 40 fourth graders from Fort Calhoun Elementary School with their teacher, from Senator Robinson's district. And the Doctor of the Day, under the north balcony, is Dr. Pumphrey from Lincoln. Could all of you please stand and be recognized. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I'll be just a couple minutes. I too was struck yesterday at the South Sioux City Chamber and I will kind of repeat couple...some remarks I made myself a couple weeks ago about my disappointment, or at least frustration, in the lack of entrepreneurship, for lack of a better word, that I am seeing in some of the response to the bills that we're talking about right now. And I've also been impressed by others, such as South Sioux City, that have been doing some of this already for several years. Actually, in southeast Nebraska there is going to be a meeting of some sort that I was just made aware of the last couple days to try to look at ways government can work together. And so I think we have...it behooves us to take some leadership roles in these areas of encouraging and having functions over the next few months to see what can be done, that we can have an entrepreneurial spirit. And it disappoints me, especially in some times in the school situations, that our...the attitude is the world is falling, that the roof is caving in, we can't do it. Certainly in most businesses, certainly in agriculture we have seen that over the last several years where you have to respond or you don't survive. So there's room, I think, for innovation and improvement in this area and a lot of it has to do with attitude. And so I think that we need to all examine, including this body, as we look to try to do some reorganization at state government. I think we have tried this session very hard in reorganizing through some of the bills that we've passed already, some that have failed and had to be pulled back, in this case on Senator Wesely. Well, we've tried to do some