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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we proceed to the next item, Senator Hilgert is proud to announce he has the following guest visiting the Legislature this morning. It's Victor Prochaska from Omaha. He's under the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. An amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments as amended. (See FA64 on page 1158 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is just a very minor technical amendment deleting a word that's contradictory to the Wehrbein..Wehrbein amendment. In Section 4 on line 22, page 2, the word "annually" applies to the sentence that describes the distribution of the funds under this bill. Since now there is only one distribution in one year, the word "annually" is being stricken, and that's all there is to it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Bohlke. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, and to Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler, that word in the bill in its present form makes as much sense to me as the bill itself. I'm looking at other things in this bill and there's going to be a one-time appropriation, one-time, if I understand correctly. And then, as I begin to read through what is in this bill, they put all kind of duties on the State Department of Education, including a follow-up of students beyond graduation at one-year, three-year, and five-year intervals. Now you going to put some money in the puddle one time and require the Department of Education to follow that student who may have been in one class for five years? What kind of sense does that make? What was the Education Committee thinking of when it supported an amendment like this? Let me ask Senator Wehrbein a question, since we're dealing with his amendment now which...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond?