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LB 202A

very effective and has brought about a great deal of economic development throughout Nebraska, as I indicated, in all of the counties. This...this...I'm bringing this amendment on the bill simply to reduce the funding from 500,000 to 250,000 dollars. The bill is already on Final Reading but, as many of you know, there is certainly a hue and cry to reduce spending throughout the state. And, in visiting with the Department of Economic Development and other individuals, I came to the conclusion that the way to approach this whole issue is to, in fact, only fund those grant applications that were of the highest quality. Certainly we don't want to spend money on lesser quality programs, and this gives an opportunity to at least provide that amount of money over the next two years or next four years, excuse me, for the purpose of providing the very best in the grant applications that come in. And I feel comfortable about that. I know that there's certainly a time when we're asking to reduce our spending throughout the state, and this is certainly in line with that attitude. And I'm just asking that you reduce that funding down from...cut the funding in half. With that, I would hope that you could see fit to...to approve the bill and pass it on for final passage. So I would ask for your support with my amendment in fact to reduce the funding to half...to the amount, half of what I originally had in the bill. With that, I would ask for the advancement...readvancement (sic) of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to return? Senator Vrtiska, you are recognized to close on your motion. He waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 202A be returned to Select File for specific amendment, AM0643? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 202A is returned to Select File. Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on AM0643.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Mr. Speaker, thank you. I...and, members of the body, I have explained to you why I've asked the bill to return, it's merely a cost-saving attitude that I think is appropriate at this time with the constraints that we're dealing