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on the bill. We...Senator Bruning introduced it, we had many versions discussed in committee to come...trying to come to some agreement. The issue really was not about if mentoring is good or what it may or may not accomplish. What it really centered around, I think, by the people who are in opposition was should state dollars go to support something that is something like Big Brothers, Big Sisters now, the Tom Osborne mentoring program that's going on, that they are able to raise the dollars from the community, and should we have state dollars going to supplement those programs, or should they remain as they are from nonprofits. And so that was one of the main concerns of the committee and, as I said, Senator Bruning, if you remember, this is the issue that he brought up on the lottery funds, I believe, and trying to get the money from the lottery funds. As I have told him when he was going to attempt to run the amendment, you know, he can do that here. I believe that the best way to get something accomplished is to continue to work in committee to see if it can come to some resolution. I don't think it was supported on the lottery money. I don't know as it has the support here on the floor. I know Senator Bruning feels very strongly about this, and I don't...maybe he brought five, six different proposals to the Education Committee in trying to work this out. We started at 3 million or 4 million, I think, and came down to 1 million. Today we're at 500,000, but, Senator Bruning, the only thing I would say and mentor you a little on is that if you have something with an A bill that would have a 500,000 or a million dollar impact, you can't say that's being a fiscal conservative. You can't have it both ways. But that's apart from the merits of the program and, as I said, the main opposition in the Education Committee was that it was state dollars going for something that they thought nonprofits should be able to raise that money and it should not be supported with state dollars. So I thought I owed you the explanation of why it was stuck in committee and I'll let Senator Bruning try to convince you if this the proper place to try to accomplish his goals here. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senator Schmitt, Tyson, Beutler, Chambers, Wehrbein, and Bruning. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I was going to call the question