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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I echo some of the words that I think Senator Preister and other people, that that to keep people in Nebraska...we do have a very low salary. I have a couple of my daughters in education and they have left the state simply one of the reasons was because that they could get better salaries in other places. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, just to recap for you, this is a program which would...could potentially, would potentially reward up to 500 teachers, and these awards, I want to make very clear, are not cash awards. They are awards that would either pay off their student loans if they are a college student and we're trying to recruit them to stay in Nebraska, or they would pay...pay tuition at institutions of higher learning. And Senator Bohlke suggested that I mention that because we have some areas that we have shortages. It could be used to recertify teachers in some areas where we have shortages, so that could be beneficial too. But it could be used for the very beginning teachers or teachers who simply want to go back and get more advanced education. With that, I would thank everyone for their very positive comments and ask you to vote for adoption of AM3041.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 1399. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith, you're recognized for a motion to advance.