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Mr. Clerk, a machine vote has been requested. We're voting on the Maxwell amendment. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is not adopted. Before we go to the next amendment, do you have any items to read, Mr. Clerk? I'll raise the call at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, just one, thank you. Senator Schrock has an amendment to be printed to LB 143. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1527-1529.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA1340. (Legislative Journal page 1529.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President...Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, what the amendment says is to strike a certain section from the bill. If you want to see what that section actually says, turn to page 90 of the committee amendments. The committee amendments now are the bill, and you will find that this section that I want to strike for the record is Section 174, which means on page 90 we would strike lines 15 through 25. This is the Postsecondary Education Award Program, known infamously as PEAP. For the '03-04 year, the amount to be appropriated from state funds for private schools is \$2,133,000...oh, wait a minute, \$2,133,384. For the year '04-05 it would be the same amount. If you total those two to find out the amount for the two years, it would be \$4,266,768. So \$4.2 million is the amount being dealt with by this amendment, \$2.1 million and a little bit over each year. Some people have been here long enough to be aware when I first started making these assaults on this PEAP program by way of trying to cut the appropriations that are found in the Appropriations Committee bill. This program is unique among all of the aid programs for